SG officers propose new constitution

Changes to current system introduced at special session

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Student Government officers have proposed a new constitution that, if passed through student senate next week, will appear as a referendum on the ballot in next month’s election.

The constitution proposes several major changes to the existing system. Among them: putting the office of the treasurer under the authority of the student body president, creating a new executive office — speaker of the senate — and eliminating a line of succession for executive officers.

Under the proposed constitution, the student body president would no longer be directly responsible for programs and agencies, such as Walk Home Cocky or Gamecock Pantry. Instead, those responsibilities would fall under the office of the vice president. The job of presiding over student senate would move from the vice president to the speaker of the senate.

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Forum discusses ties between science, religion

Oxford professor attempts to define role of religion

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Can religion and science coexist peacefully? According to John Lennox, the question is more complex than you might think.

At an event hosted by the Cambridge, Mass.-based non-profit Veritas Forum on Thursday, Lennox, a professor of mathematics at Oxford University, lectured on the relationship between science and religion to a full house in the Swearingen Engineering Center. In addition to being a fellow in mathematics and the president of the Oxford Society of Science, Lennox is also a pastoral associate at Green Templeton College at Oxford.

“Science is not the only way to truth, Lennox gave historical background on the subject and mentioned important people involved in the debate.

“It’s not science versus God or versus atheism,” Lennox said. “It’s there are two world views, and there are scientists holding onto each of them.”

The two main theories he discussed were the theory of theism, which in the belief that at least one deity exists, and atheism, which rejects the belief that there are gods then were created from ancient Greek times, Lennox said. “I’m not remotely ashamed of being a scientist and a Christian,” he said.

“Lennox also spoke about the connections between science, religion, philosophers and historians and how different their views and opinions on the topic can be.”

Detailing the “God of the gaps” and the “God of the Big Bang” Lennox mentioned important people involved in the debate.

“The idea is that the more science you do, the more gaps are filled, so in the end, there is no room for God at all,” Lennox said. “If you believe in the ‘God of gaps,’ then you have to choose between God and science, because that’s the way you define God.”

In addition, Lennox spoke about reduction and how many modern-day philosophers reduce everything to science and math. He posited that ultimately everything can be explained without the reduction of physics and chemistry and that written symbols and words can not be explained using science alone. Those thoughts were created by the mind.

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Pastides welcomes new addition

The Pastides family welcomed a new Gamecock into the world Jan. 16 in Santa Monica, Calif., as USC President Harris Pastides’ daughter, second daughter, Alice Anastasia Erickson.

“She appeared to be ready to move to Sandstorm, or she needed a diaper change,” he said.

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Pastides posted a photo on Twitter of himself holding Alice, who is wearing a Gamecock outfit. Pastides said it was size "tiny." He said "was worth the wait."
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Knockoff Super Bowl merchandise seized

A crackdown on Super Bowl counterfeiters by federal agents, including some from Charleston, has led to dozens of arrests and the seizure of more than $21.6 million in knockoff merchandise, The Associated Press reported.

Authorities announced the seizures and arrested two men at a news conference and displayed the counterfeit goods, including Broncos and Seahawks hats and Super Bowl T-shirts. The knockoffs were made to look like official NFL gear and have Adidas labeling.

The operation, which lasted for eight months, resulted in the seizure of more than 202,000 Super Bowl-related items that would be worth more than $21.6 million if they were legitimate. Authorities say most of the merchandise was manufactured in China and then smuggled into the United States overnight.

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Columbia warming centers opened on Tuesday at Martin Luther King Park and Hyatt Park and could potentially stay open if the winter weather continues.

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change can be a very good thing," Richardson said while presenting the bill to senate Thursday night.

Kirkland Gray, chair of the Safety and Transportation Committee, penned an amendment to the new constitution during the session, proposing that the treasurer be a nominee selected collectively by the president, vice president and speaker of the senate, and then confirmed by the senate.

“I like that we’re getting away from the popularity contest,” he said, “but at the same time, they shouldn’t be appointed by the one person.”

Gray’s amendment was carried over to next week’s session, where it will be further discussed and debated.

Officers hope the new system would allow for candidates to run on concrete platforms that align with the duties of the office; president would run mainly on initiatives, vice president would run on program improvement and expansion and speaker of the senate would run on policy changes.

The Student Government constitution was last updated in 2010. According to a presentation given to senate Thursday night, sponsors of the new constitution would like to change this version to correct several wording errors, do away with mentions of positions that do not exist and better represent the current operating structure of the organization.

In order for the referendum to appear on the ballot in two weeks, it must be passed by a two-thirds vote of senators present at the next senate session on Wednesday.

The bill, which calls for the referendum, was distributed to senators Thursday night in a special session of the student senate. Next week, committees will discuss and debate the legislation and will vote favorably, unfavorably or favorably with amendment.

If passed, the text of the referendum must be sent to The Daily Gamecock to be printed at least one week prior to the start of the election, which falls on Feb. 11.

Former student body treasurer Coy Gibson raised concerns about the timeline of the legislation, saying he thought the process was “happening entirely too fast.”

“How many of you saw a copy of these codes before yesterday?” he asked the senate chamber, which was less than half filled. Four or five hands raised in response.

Gibson heatedly argued that the president already has a financial advisor in the treasurer as a separate office, and ultimately said he wished more time had been spent discussing the legislation.

“Sorry to get worked up, but, I mean, this is a big deal, guys,” he said. “Please, let’s consider what we’re doing here, and let’s consider the students we represent.”
The Sea Wolf Mutiny, an indie rock group fighting past tumultuous circumstances, is searching for new sounds.

When asked how they ended up together, local indie folk band The Sea Wolf Mutiny says, “We discovered that we really wanted to make music because we couldn’t make sense, initially, of all our influences and the sound we wanted,” said Hatfield. “Just knew we had a tone we felt so here is to a new year, a year of no excuses.”

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The nomination forms are already at the Rate My Professors website, at http://blog.ratemyprofessors.com/nominate-your-choice-for-the-mtvu-college-radio-woodie. The nomination forms close today at 4 p.m., and users can cast multiple votes. Nominations are taken on the Rate My Professors website, at http://blog.ratemyprofessors.com/nominate-your-choice-for-the-mtvu-college-radio-woodie/.

“We have been through a number of obstacles in following their classes, the members of The Sea Wolf Mutiny have faced a number of obstacles in following their dreams,” said Hatfield. “We have been through a lot and processed a lot, matured more I think as people, and that has already started to transfer into our new record!”

“We didn’t have a rhythm guitarist for so long,” Hatfield said. “So adding a second rhythm element allowed us to split the difference and spread the wealth.”

In addition to adding more shows to their calendars, Hatfield said the folk rock band is in the process of creating a new record.

“This doesn’t have to happen, but a lot of things are brewing,” he said. “As we’re in talks with trying to get a support system (and) looking throughout the region, so we can get some room carved out in front of the record.”

Since the release of their debut album, “The Last Season,” the members of The Sea Wolf Mutiny say they have been rediscovering themselves through the writing process by taking ideas and expanding them.

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Gamecocks match season-high score with 99 points

David Roberts

Whereas she goes, success seems to follow South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley closely.

As the head coach at Temple, Miss., from 2000 to 2008, Staley brought the program to prominence. Building it from the bottom up, she guided the Owls to an 80-8 record and overall wins. Temple had 62 total wins over 230 games in the eight years before Staley took over.

In the middle of her sixth year with the Gamecocks, Staley is making history again.

The former WNBA All-Star has No. 7 South Carolina out to a 19-2 overall record — the best start in school history. The Gamecocks are 7-1 in the Southeastern Conference and have seen the Colonial Life Arena transform into the women’s basketball equivalent of Williams-Brice Stadium.

So far this season, South Carolina is undefeated at home, and it boasts a 14-game winning streak that dates back to last season.

The latest home victory came in a 99-70 thrashing of Ole Miss, who currently sits in the cellar of the SEC standings.

Six different Gamecocks finished Thursday’s victory with double-digit points, including freshman Alaina Coates, who matched her career high of 24 points.

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UVA, VCU rank among nation’s top 40 teams

Colin Taylor

Riding a two-game winning streak, the South Carolina women’s tennis team is looking to keep momentum on their side as they face their toughest test of the season.

The Gamecocks will travel to Charlottesville, Va., this weekend to play the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University, both teams are ranked in the top 40 nationally.

“UVA this year is ranked 14 right now, but they are probably, in actuality, one of the top teams in the country,” coach Kevin Epley said. “We’re really going to see how we stack up against the best and how much further we need to go.”

Epley said that the Gamecocks’ match with VCU was “one of the best matches we’ve had this season.”

The No. 33 Gamecocks beat both East Tennessee State University and Virginia Commonwealth University this weekend, but know this weekend will be a challenging test. The team was scheduled to host Furman on Tuesday, but canceled the match due to the weather.

“It’s easier (competing) because you know how responsible you are and that they’re not going to give you anything, so you’re going to have to work harder,” senior Katerina Popova said. “There won’t be any free shots, so you have to stay focused the whole time.”

In Epley, the team has strengths that could end up carrying them through the season.

“Depth is our biggest strength,” he said. “We have some players that have some experience at the three, four, five, six level that can really create some damage.

While we may not have that number-one player that is ranked-top 10 in the country, we do have a lot of very solid players, and that all goes the way down our lineup.”

Five upperclassmen are returning to the team, including two seniors. On the other hand, the team has five underclassmen who haven’t experienced the “war-like mentality” of the SEC, Epley said.

The older players are looking to help the younger players get ready for this weekend and the rest of the season and their careers.

“You have to share your knowledge to the younger players, and I always tell them that you’re not going to be able to do what you’re doing today, and I always tell them that you’re not going to be able to do what you’re doing today, and then the younger guys will benefit from that knowledge,” he said.

Katarina Popova says the team will have to match UVA and VCU’s intensity, but because of the possibility of scoring 100 points, “If we didn’t get it then, no need to do that to an opponent that’s down by 20 to 30 points. For us, it was the impolite, right thing to do.”

After successfully defending their home against the Rebels, South Carolina continues to look for its 15th straight victory.

“Our focus is Missouri,” Staley said. “Obviously Missouri poses another challenge in their style of play. You know, they beat us last year — they beat us pretty bad. I’ll be a good game for us to have at home to avenge that loss.”

Just like Ole Miss, Missouri is struggling to find success in the best of its conference schedule. The Tigers enter their most recent contest, bringing their foe-same skid to a scruching fall against No. 16 Mississippi State, which capped off their sweep of Vanderbilt this season last weekend with a 67-65 win.

Missouri features only two starters among its 10 against South Carolina last year in Columbia, Mo., and it has since beefed up its roster, declaring transfers from Kansas and Louisville.

Senior forward Bri Kulas leads the Tigers in points, with 176, and is second on the team in total rebounds, with 157. Kulas dropped 26 points on the Gamecocks last year at Missouri on her way to a double-double.

The Tigers’ proficiency from beyond the arc gives them a valuable weapon in their offensive arsenal. They rank second in the nation in three-point field goals per game with an average of 9.8, or 31.2 percent.

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