A Bill
Codifying the Three-Part Budget Process and Providing for its Review

Whereas, the Budget Committee is a Student Committee established by Article VI, Section 3 of the BCSG Bylaws;

Whereas, the Budget Committee changed the budget process on or around March 6, 2006 from one Budget Weekend to three;

Whereas, Article V, Paragraph 20 of the Budget Committee Guidelines does allow the Treasurer some discretion in changing the timeline;

Whereas, then-Interim Treasurer Vaibhav Bajpai considered the aforementioned change allowable under Article V, Paragraph 20;

Whereas, the Guidelines were not changed, approval by the Representative Assembly was not required by that interpretation; however

Whereas, it is in the interest of the Bates College Student Government that all procedures are easily accessible and well-defined;

Whereas, student committee guidelines describe many of these procedures and should be accurate;

Whereas, this three-part process is new and untested; and

Whereas, Article XV, Paragraph 2 of the Budget Committee Guidelines allow for review of the guidelines by the Representative Assembly in the fall semester: Now, therefore, be it

Enacted,

Section 1. That the next Budget Committee, once seated, must revise its guidelines to reflect the current process and submit them for approval by October 28, 2006;

Section 2. That the revised guidelines must go through the two-meeting process laid out in Article V, Section 2 of the BCSG Constitution for review; and

Section 3. That the Budget Committee must undertake a review of the three-part process following the Winter allocation cycle:

A. Feedback must be solicited from club treasurers as part of the review

B. The Treasurer must submit a report on the review’s findings to the Representative Assembly, for inclusion in the minutes, by February 26, 2007 and present amendments to the guidelines if necessary.
Respectfully Submitted,

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Originally proposed and passed.