Whereas, the opportunities for fitness, especially indoor fitness are of vital importance to the Middlebury College community’s well-being;

Whereas, current open fitness venues at Middlebury are often limited, inconvenient, or unavailable;

Whereas, Middlebury’s student body desires an additional work out space, with 96% voting in the affirmative for the proposal;

Whereas, dedication to carbon neutrality and an environmentally friendly community are also of vital importance to the Middlebury Community and its well-being;

Whereas, energy harnessing exercise equipment needed to meet polled need totals $35,968 at an annual linear depreciation of $3,597;

Whereas, conservative estimates for power offsets by said equipment will be roughly $4,000 per year, thereby generating an expected positive rate of return;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Student Government Association will undertake the following action;

Section 1. Establishment of The North Campus Exercise Space
(A) The Student Government hereby establishes the YouPower Midd Spin Room and North Campus Exercise Space (FIC Gym) to be located in an already approved space of the Freeman International Center (FIC).
(B) The space will be open to all students, faculty, and staff during specified monitored hours. Management and continuing operations of this space will reside in a hereby established student-run organization, YouPower Midd, pending approval from the SGA Constitution Committee.

Section 2. Composition of the FIC Gym
(A) The FIC Gym will be established in the unused portions of FIC Bunker Annex
(B) The FIC Gym will be composed of two sections.
   1) Spin Room: an area reserved for the placement of 12 Green Revolution Star Trac Pro Combo ® Electricity Generating Bicycles, connected to the College electricity grid through a power converter and other necessary equipment.
2) Weight Room: an area complete with free weights, fixed weight machines, yoga mats, exercise mats, yoga equipment, and other items to be determined at the discretion of the SGA Athletics Liaison.

(C) The monies allocation in Section 11 of the SGA Charges, Bills, Resolutions and Initiatives Bylaws (Ross Gym Annex Bill) are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Appropriations

(A) The SGA appropriates the following sums for the establishment of the Spin Room section of the FIC Gym and authorizes the SGA Treasurer to release funds effectively immediately.

1. Up to $26,000 for the procurement of twelve Green Revolution Star Trac Pro Combo ® Electricity Generating Bicycles.
2. Up to $1,500 for the installation of the exercise system outlined above.
3. Up to $10,000 for procurement of the power converter, cabinet housing unit, and all necessary ancillary equipment.
4. Up to $3,000 to contract student monitors for the remainder of FY11-12.

(B) The SGA appropriates the following sums for the establishment of the Weight Room section of the FIC Gym and authorizes the SGA Treasurer to release funding effectively immediately.

1. Up to $8,000 for the purchase of all items authorized in Section 2 (B)(2).
2. Up to $2,000 for all necessary modifications to the physical space in order to accommodate these items and for other unforeseen expenditures.

Section 4. Continuing Operations

(A) Pursuant to Section 1 (B), YouPower Midd will be the sole entity entrusted with the daily operations and upkeep of the Work-out Space, pending approval from the SGA Constitution Committee.

(B) Electricity generated by the Green Revolution ® Bicycle Exercise Systems will be sold to Middlebury College Facilities Department at a rate commensurate with those set forth by the Vermont Board of Public Service, Central Vermont Public Service, and the College in the purchase of renewable energy.

(C) All revenue generated from the sale of electricity will be deposited in the SGA reserves account.

(D) As a chartered organization, YouPower Midd will be funded through the conventional budgeting channels of the SGA Finance Committee. Budgets will include monitoring, costs, renovations, programming and maintenance.

(E) Monitors for the FIC Gym will be hired in accordance with hiring Athletics and paid through SGA allocated funds through FY 11-12.

Section 5. Automatic Termination

(A) This bill and associated appropriations will be rendered null and void under the following conditions

1. If after 90 days following the SGA ratification neither YouPower Midd nor the SGA Athletics Liaison have placed orders for the equipment outlined above.
(2) If after 180 days following the SGA ratification neither YouPower Midd nor the SGA Athletics Liaison have taken receipt of the equipment outlined above.
(3) If the College Administration, in a statement to the SGA, refuses to pay for the electricity generated by the Green Revolution Star Trac Pro Combo ® Electricity Generating Bicycle systems.
(4) If the College Administration, in a statement to the SGA, demands that the SGA, YouPower Midd, or other relevant student organizations be financially liable for maintenance, heating, or other upkeep costs currently managed by the College.
(B) Upon automatic termination as detailed in Section 5 (A), all monies appropriated in this bill will be returned to the SGA reserves account.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Gendron
Senior Senator

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Originally Proposed

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE

Seconded by

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VOTE for _____ against _____ abstentions

ACTION TAKEN BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Signature ______________________________________________
Date ________________________________________________

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

PRESEIDENT

Signature ______________________________________________
Date ________________________________________________