

BILL B-01-16
The University of Alabama
21st Student Senate 2016-2017

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A BILL TO UPDATE CAUCUS REGULATIONS IN THE SENATE

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings of the Senate- The Senate finds the following:

1. Chapter 308.6 mandates the necessity of a Delegate Council, comprised of the Presidents of registered organizations on the Source, with the authority to confirm or reject the chair and vice chairpeople of each caucus, including an application process on the SGA website.
2. The Roth Administration has instituted the President's Council, serving the purpose of Source registered organizations giving their input into SGA to ensure that their voices are heard, and their unique interests are represented.
3. Having both a Delegate Council for each separate caucus and a President's Council would be a redundancy, when one organization could accomplish both tasks.

Section 2. Amendments to the Code of Laws Regarding Caucuses- Chapter 308 of the Student Government Association Code of Laws shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 308 Caucuses

Chapter 308.1 Members of the Senate shall maintain the following

Caucuses in order to better communicate with their respective campus spheres: a Minority Caucus, a Women's Caucus, a LGBTQA+ Caucus, a Faith Based Caucus, and a Greek Caucus.

Chapter 308.2 Caucus Membership

Chapter 308.2.1 Senators may join any one caucus, but are not required to be a member of any caucus.

Chapter 308.2.2 Caucus membership will be determined at the start of each legislative year by allowing any Senator to join any caucus. Records of caucus membership will be kept by the Secretary of the Senate and made available on the SGA website.

Chapter 308.2.3 If a Senator wishes to leave a caucus, then they shall notify the Chairman or Chairwoman of that caucus. If the Senator is leaving for a different caucus, then they shall notify the Chairman or Chairwoman of that caucus ~~who will then decide whether to accept the Senator into the caucus.~~ **they intend to join.**

Chapter 308.2.4 If a Caucus has no members at any point during a legislative year, the Caucus will be considered standing and will be available for membership by any Senator who chooses to transfer or join.

Chapter 308.3 Caucus Chairs and Vice Chairs

Chapter 308.3.1 Caucuses will create an internal leadership structure that includes a Chairman or Chairwoman and Vice Chairman or Chairwoman who will be selected by a majority vote of the members of the caucus and confirmed by the Delegate Council.

Chapter 308.3.2 The Chairs of each caucus are required to communicate with ~~organizations that are affiliated with their~~ the Delegate Council of their caucus a minimum of once per month.

Chapter 308.3.3 If a caucus chair fails to communicate with the organizations a minimum of once a month or is otherwise found inadequate, the Delegate Council can move to have the respective chair removed by a two thirds vote of the Senate, wherein the Vice Chair shall become Chair and a new Vice Chairman or Chairwoman will be chosen.

Chapter 308.6 Delegate Council

Chapter 308.6.1 Each Caucus will have a Delegate Council, which shall be comprised of the ~~President of each Source registered organization represented in the caucus~~ relevant delegates that are active within the Presidents Council, and the council shall have the authority to confirm or reject the Chairman-elect or Chairwoman-elect and Vice Chairman-elect or Chairwoman-elect by a majority vote.

Chapter 308.6.2 ~~Source registered organizations can apply to be delegates to a particular caucus's Delegate Council on the SGA website.~~ The Delegate Council shall have the authority to confirm or reject the Chairman-elect or Chairwoman-elect and Vice Chairman-elect or Chairwoman-elect by a majority vote.

Chapter 308.7 If the Senate finds that a particular group on campus is not adequately represented, then Senate members can apply for membership in a new caucus as allies of this community. ~~Members for the new caucus shall be chosen among the applicants by a committee of the other caucus chairs.~~ Members for the new Caucus shall be responsible for communicating with relevant members of the Presidents Council in order to form a Delegate Council.

Section 3. Effective Date- This bill shall become effective upon signature of the President or otherwise becoming law.

Section 4. Copies of this bill shall be sent to the following: Lillian Roth, Student Government Association President; Ben Leake, Student Government Association Executive Vice President; Sara Oswalt, Student Government Association Director of Media Relations; Grayson Everett, Student Government Association Director of Communication; *The Crimson White Media Group*, and any other copies deemed necessary.