

**RESOLUTION R-30-16**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**21st Student Senate 2016-2017**

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**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING BETTER COMMUNICATION  
BETWEEN THE SGA AND THE ELECTIONS BOARD**

*WHEREAS*, the motto of the Student Government Association is “Students Serving Students”; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Executive and Legislative branches of the Student Government Association are comprised of elected officials; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Elections Board, as specified in the Constitution of the Student Government Association, acts as an impartial and unbiased facilitator of any and all student body elections; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Elections Board is made up of students and faculty, and is bound by their own governing document, the Elections Manual; and,

*WHEREAS*, transparency and open communications are imperative to both successful self governance and fair elections; and,

*WHEREAS*, communication between the Elections Board and all branches of the Student Government Association is critical to an efficient and effective Student Government; and,

*WHEREAS*, there is currently no formal process in either the Constitution or the Elections Manual for communication between the Elections Board and the members of the Student Government Association; and,

*WHEREAS*, regular and formal communication between the student Chair of the Elections Board and the members of the Student Government Association would be beneficial to not only the SGA, but to the student body as a whole.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT*, the 21st Senate of the University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages the Elections Board to adopt a formal process for communication between the student Chair of the Elections Board and the President, Speaker of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT*, the Senate recommends a process wherein the student Chair of the Elections Board sends a formal weekly update to the President, Speaker of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT*, the Senate commends the Elections Board for their continued service to the Student Government Association and their commitment to fair and honest elections.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT*, copies of this Resolution be sent to the following: Lillian Roth, President; Shanikia Young, Chief Justice; Lance Bryant McCaskey, Speaker of the Senate; Grayson Everett, Director of Communications; Sara Oswalt, Director of Media Relations; Dr. Mary Lee Caldwell, Director of Student Governance and Citizenship; Kelli Knox-Hall, Elections Board; Keeli Mallory, Chair of Elections Board; *The Crimson White Media Group*; and any other copies deemed necessary.