

**ACT A-03-19**  
**The University of Alabama**  
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**The Let's Get Students Involved Act**

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

**Section 1. Findings**

- The Preamble of the Constitution of the Student Government Association states:

*We, the students of The University of Alabama, in order to preserve and defend the rights and privileges of student self-governance, to guarantee a student voice and involvement in University decisions, to serve the common interests of all students, to train ourselves in democratic government, and to promote citizenship on campus and in the community...*

- Although recent improvements in media relations and engagement have raised student involvement in student government, more work is needed to fully promote campus involvement in SGA. Enhancing the information provided on the SGA website is a great way to connect with our constituents and allow them to see student government as a possible path to service on our campus.
- It is our duty as Senators to ensure that we are serving the common interests of all students, and enhancing our engagement efforts will not only aid existing SGA members in applying for advancing positions, but also will encourage a new cohort of students to get more involved in student government.

**Section 2. Legislation**

- The SGA webmaster shall create a new page on the SGA website, entitled "Involvement," which will be the home for all applications for SGA roles that are currently available, across all branches.

- This page shall be updated regularly with new applications and, if available, descriptions of what position is currently accepting applications.
- The Director of Engagement or relevant branch of SGA shall provide additional information to the webmaster in cases where there is confusion regarding an application.
- If the role/department of SGA is *not* accepting applications currently, the webpage shall include, under each relevant application, a general date for when students should expect the application to be available. (e.g. “Lobby Board - Opens Fall 2019”)
- The SGA webmaster shall retain control of the SGA webpage and is still bound to all applicable practices listed in the SGA Code of Laws.
- As an example, a graphic or link, provided with due dates, to the applications for: The Executive Cabinet, First Year Council, Lobby Board, Student Elections Board, the Walt Maddox Mayor’s Internship, SGA Judicial Board, or special roles such as the SGA Director of Athletics.
- This will result in a dramatic simplification for new students attempting to get involved. It will serve as a central hub for students to view opportunities for SGA involvement and the corresponding webpage to apply for that position.

**Section 3.** Copies of this resolution will be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Price McGiffert, 2018-2019 SGA President; Olivia Wiggins, 2018-2019 Webmaster; Clay Martinson, 2018-2019 Vice-President of Student Affairs; Alex Sample, 2018-2019 Director of Engagement; and the Crimson White Media Group.