



**The University of Alabama
23rd Student Senate 2018-2019
Agenda for January 24rd, 2019
Regular Session**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements:
 - a) Office Hours
 - b) J-Board Member(s) speak to senate
 - c) Break for committees
- III. Old Business:
 - a) A-01-19 (Formally known as A-42-19): **SGA SAFETY ACT**
- IV. New Business:
 - a) C-01-19: **A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN SGA ELECTIONS RESULTS ON THE SGA WEBSITE**
 - b) A-02-19: **AN ACT TO FUND THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF THE ALABAMA CLUB HOCKEY TEAM**
 - c) A-03-19: **THE LETS GET STUDENTS INVOLVED ACT**
 - d) R-05-19: **A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**
- V. Adjourn

Act A-01-19
The University of Alabama
23rd Senate 2018-2019

Author: Senator Jason Rothfarb, Vice President of External Affairs Harrison Adams,

**Sponsors: Senator Brooks Payne, Senator Logan Sheaffer, senator Katie Arrington,
Senator Hunter Scott, Senator Leslie Young, Senator Demarcus Joiner, Senator Reagan
Tonner, Senator Marquis Hollingsworth**

**Endorsements: Chief Justice Darious Davis, UAPD Chief Hook, Vice President of Student
Affairs Clay Martinson**

SGA SAFETY ACT

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

*Whereas, by partnering with University of Alabama Police Department and Tuscaloosa
Police Department, we can hold self defense and active shooter training classes*

*Whereas, in 2015 there were 107 reported sexual assault charges in Tuscaloosa county and
one-third of those charges were university related*

*Whereas, according to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), among graduate
students, 23.1% of females and 5.4% of males experience rape or sexual assault*

*Whereas, according to a Campus safety report, active shooter incidents on campuses across
the country have risen and are expected to rise more*

*Whereas, it is important to teach and train students on how to defend themselves for
various situations that could happen at any point in time*

*Be it resolved, that the Student Government Association will partner with University of
Alabama Police Department, and Tuscaloosa Police Department and hold training classes
each semester to teach active shooter training and self defense classes*

*Be it further resolved, Copies of this resolution be sent to, Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the
University of Alabama; Dr. David Grady, Vice President for Student Life; Price McGiffert,
2018-2019 SGA President; Harrison Adams, 2018-2019 Vice President for External
Affairs; Ross D'Entremont, 2018-2019 Vice President of Academic Affairs; Clay
Martinson, 2018-2019 Vice-President of Student Affairs; the Crimson White Media Group.*

Constitutional Amendment C-01-19

The University of Alabama

23rd Student Senate

**A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN SGA
ELECTIONS RESULTS ON THE SGA WEBSITE**

Author: Senator Bennett McGehee

Co-Sponsors: Senator John Martin Weed, Senator Marquis Hollingsworth, Senator Chad Heatley, Senator Colby Murray, Senator Devon Longstreet, Senator Brooks Payne, Senator Andrew Townsend

Endorsements: President Price McGiffert, Vice President of Student Affairs Clay Martinson, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Amber Scales, Webmaster Olivia Wiggins

Section 1: Findings

This amendment aims to publish and maintain all SGA elections and constitutional referenda results on the SGA website in perpetuity. SGA is currently in possession of some recent elections results as well, which will be added to the website shortly. The SGA Webmaster will be charged with preserving the current elections results and adding new results each time a student vote occurs. There are also a few spelling and syntax corrections to Article VIII (Elections), Section 2 (Voting) of the Constitution.

Section 2: Revisions and Additions

Additions are marked in red and struck words are crossed through

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

Section 2: Voting.

- A. Any Student currently enrolled at The University of Alabama may vote in SGA elections.
- B. Students may ~~ease~~ **cast** one vote for the Senate in their primary college of enrollment.
Students may vote once for each elected executive official.
- C. All SGA elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, via the voting portal on myBama.
- D. Write-in votes shall be permitted in any SGA election.
- E. Absentee ballots shall not be permitted in any SGA election.
- F. Candidates for any executive **office** shall be elected by a majority of votes cast.

1. A majority of votes cast is equal to fifty percent of the votes cast plus one additional
 2. vote.
 3. In the event that candidates for any executive office fail to receive a majority of votes cast, a run-off election shall be conducted no sooner than two days following the election, but not later than ten full academic days after the election, for the two candidates that receive the largest percentage of votes cast.
- G. Candidates for Senate in each school or college shall be ranked in order of votes received from highest to lowest.
1. Based upon this ranking, candidates for Senate receiving the most votes shall be elected to represent their school or college.
 2. The number ~~those~~ **chosen** shall be equal to the apportioned senate seats for each school or college as defined in Article III, Section 2 of this Constitution.
 3. In the event of a tie in the number of votes received by candidates for Senate seats that results in a school or college surpassing the apportioned seats for that school or college, a tie will be broken by a run-off election that shall be on a date determined by the Student Elections Board.
- H. Any student wishing to contest the results of a SGA election shall file a petition in writing with the Executive Secretary of the SGA within three full class days after the elections results are available.
1. The Executive Secretary must notify the Student Judicial Board and the Student Elections Board within two full class days that a petition contesting the results of a SGA has been filed.
 2. The hearing must be conducted by the Student Elections Board. If the student believes they have grounds to appeal the Student Elections Board decision, they may file an appeal of the decision with the Student Judicial Board.
 3. The following shall be grounds for contesting election results:
 - a. Misconduct, fraud, or irregularity by any election official sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of a SGA election;
 - b. Ineligibility of any person ~~election~~ **elected** to the office in dispute;
 - c. Receipt of illegal votes or rejection of legal votes in an amount sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of a SGA election.
 - d. An error in the counting of votes or in the declaration of the result of an election sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of a SGA election;

- e. Any other cause sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of a SGA election
- I. All SGA elections results will be published, preserved, and updated on the SGA website.
 - 1. All student elections and constitutional amendment referenda results are to be published on the website by the SGA Webmaster once they are verified.
 - 2. Elections results must report votes cast for any candidate or write-in, tabulated by offices being elected.
 - 3. Constitutional amendment referenda results must report vote counts for the amendment.

Section 3: Ratification

This amendment will become law upon an affirmative vote from two thirds (2/3rds) of the SGA Senate and referendum of the student body.

Section 4: Legitimacy and Awareness

This amendment, if passed in the Senate by the appropriate margins, will be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Spring Elections on the SGA website for students to review.

ACT A-02-19
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
23rd SENATE 2018-2019

Authored by: Vice President of Financial Affairs Clay Gaddis

Sponsored by: Senator Hunter Scott

Endorsed by: Price McGiffert, SGA President; Darius Davis, Chief Advisor

**AN ACT TO FUND THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF THE ALABAMA
CLUB HOCKEY TEAM**

WHEREAS, The Alabama Club Hockey Team is a team of University students that travel to different schools to compete.

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama only gives \$45,000 to be split among all club teams.

WHEREAS, The Club Hockey team does not have enough money to pay for their transportation in the Spring 2019 Semester.

WHEREAS, The team has reached out to the University Administration in hopes for financial help for \$6,000 for one of their coming trips.

WHEREAS, as part of our commitment to *Students Serving Students*, The Vice President of Financial Affairs has deemed this to be an important effort on behalf of SGA and has decided to split the cost through all branches.

BE IT RESOLVED, the SGA Senate approves \$6,000 dollars to be approved and divided as shown below:

\$1,000 from Senate, \$3,000 from Executive, and \$2,000 from the Contingency Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Student Government Association will form a committee to meet and determine what action other universities are taking to assist their club sports teams so that in the future the club teams have adequate money for their future travel expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be sent to Price McGiffert, SGA President; Clay Gaddis, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Kendra Powell, Senior

Accounts Manager; Stephanie Shamblin, Advisor; Tim Hebson, Dean of Students; and The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

ACT A-03-19
The University of Alabama
23rd Senate 2018-2019

Authored By: Senator Hunter Scott

Sponsored By: Sen. Allison Bailey; Sen. Katie Arrington; Sen. Jason Rothfarb; Sen. Brooks Payne; Sen. Kathryn Hayes

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.

Resolution R-05-19
The University of Alabama
23rd Senate 2018-2019

Authored by: Senator Allison Bailey and Senator Hannah Echols

Sponsored by: Senator Brooks Payne, Senator Katie Arrington, Senator Hunter Scott, Senator Jason Rothfarb, Senator Kathryn Hayes

Endorsements:

A Resolution to increase awareness of study abroad programs

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

Whereas: The Study Abroad Program on campus serves as a portal to students interested in continuing their studies internationally.

Whereas: This center acts as an imperative resource for students dedicated to enhancing their education while receiving credit towards their major.

Whereas: The Director of the Education Abroad Program, Carolina Robinson, has encouraged and requested support from student leaders in growing awareness of and outreach by these programs.

Whereas: As representatives of the student body, it is our responsibility to support programs that will be beneficial to students, and encourage students to utilize these resources

Therefore, be it resolved that the 2018-2019 SGA Senate will raise awareness of the upcoming Study Abroad Spring Fair and other upcoming things within the program through a tabling event.

Be it further resolved that going into effect on the second week of February, there will be a plan in place to develop a tabling event that raises awareness of the upcoming events within this program.

Be it further resolved, that this tabling event will provide students the opportunity to hear personal stories from students that have previously furthered their education abroad.

Be it further resolved, this event will provide a window for future support on behalf of SGA for Director, Carolina Robinson, and Capstone International Director, Megan Wagner, to show our dedication to the Education Abroad Program here on campus.

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Price McGiffert, 2018-2019 SGA President; Ross D'Entremont, 2018-2019 Vice President of Academic Affairs; Clay Gaddis, 2018-2019 Vice President of Financial Affairs; Clay Martinson,

2018-2019 Vice President of Student Affairs; the Crimson White Media Group; Director of Educational
Abroad Program, Carolina Jones

