



**The University of Alabama  
23<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate 2018-2019  
Agenda for January 30th, 2019  
Regular Session**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements:
  - a) Office Hours
- III. Old 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**
- IV. New Business:
  - a) **R-06-18: Resolution to Create a SGA Town Hall**
- V. Adjourn

**Constitutional Amendment C-01-19**

**The University of Alabama**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate**

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

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**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**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SENATE 2018-2019**

Authored by: Vice President of Financial Affairs Clay Gaddis

Sponsored by: Senator Hunter Scott

Endorsed by: Price McGiffert, SGA President; Dariosus 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.

**Resolution R-06-18**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**23rd Senate 2018-2019**

**Authors:** Jason Rothfarb

**Sponsors:** Secretary of the Senate Sarah Boudoin

**Endorsements:** Parliamentarian Hani Razavi

Resolution to Create a SGA Town Hall

*Whereas,* The SGA's mission is to serve students in every manner shape and form

*Whereas,* Although strides are made to meet with our constituents, the student body tends not to be bring issues to the SGA, due to the fact that we do not provide any open source communication

*Whereas,* A town hall type forum can be beneficial giving the student body a platform and opportunity to meet face to face, and give the SGA proof that we are making strides to live up to our motto of students serving students

*Therefore be it resolved,* That a committee is established made up of at least one senator from each college, and we start discussing ways to implement a town hall form in order to better serve our student body





