



**The University of Alabama Student Government Association**

**Office of the Attorney General**

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Dear Student Government Association Executive Council:

This opinion of the Attorney General is issued in response to your request on behalf of The University of Alabama SGA.

**QUESTION**

As it pertains to Article 6 Section 4 of the constitution, from our interpretation, and from prior years' approval of the former SGA advisor and the court at the time, the allocation of seats is only in regard to the committee, not specifically who needs to be in each interview?

**FACTS AND ANALYSIS**

Article VI, Section 4, Subsection D, of the SGA Constitution states as follows:

“Interviews shall be conducted by a committee composed of two designates from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

Given the constitution's language, the interviews will be conducted by a committee consisting of designated members from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The constitution specifies who should be in the committee, however, it does not specify who will be sitting in the interviews for FYC. With this being said, it is up to the committee to designate who sits in the interviews out of the designated members.

### **CONCLUSION**

In Article VI, Section 4, Subsection D, the constitution explains who the committee consists of but does not expound on who sits in on the interviews. It is up to the members designated on the committee to coordinate who will be present for each interview. As long as the committee has at least two designated members from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches then all constitutional procedures are being followed. I hope this opinion answers your question. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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