

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

We, the students of the University of North Alabama, in order to responsibly participate in the decision making processes of the University at large; to protect and defend the rights and responsibilities entrusted to the students by the University; to provide for cultural, social, physical, and educational welfare; to foster a spirit of unity among students; to cultivate a better relationship between administration, faculty, and students; and to encourage individual responsibility, by the authority granted to us by the Board of Trustees and University President, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the students of the University of North Alabama.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Student Government Association of the University of North Alabama.

Section 2. The Student Government Association shall be comprised of full-time undergraduate and graduate students.

Section 3. The Student Government Association shall be organized into four (4) branches: the Executive branch, Legislative branch, Judicial branch, and the Freshman Forum branch. All meetings shall be held on the campus of the University of North Alabama.

ARTICLE II

Declaration of Purpose

Section 1. To protect and defend the rights and responsibilities of the University to the students and the students to the University.

Section 2. To uphold the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Student Government Association.

Section 3. To advocate to the best of our abilities the wants and needs of the entire student body, disregarding any personal biases or affiliations.

Section 4. To assist in University Decision Making through the power granted by Shared Governance.

Section 5. The motto of the Student Government Association is leadership, advocacy, and service.

ARTICLE III

Student Senate

Section 1. The purpose of the Student Senate is to represent the Student B12 72bg0 Grth

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ARTICLE V
Judicial Branch

Section 1. All judicial powers of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Student Court, which shall be a court of original and appellate jurisdiction.

Section 2. The Student Court shall be composed of four (4) Associate Justices and one (1) Chief Justice. The Student Court shall be appointed as follows:

- A. The Chief Justice shall be appointed by the President of Student Government Association and shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present.
- B. Two (2) justices shall be appointed by the Vice President of Senate and shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present.
- C. One (1) justice shall be appointed by the SGA Treasurer and shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present.
- D. One (1) justice shall be appointed by the SGA Secretary and shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present.
- E. The Chief Justice shall be sworn in by their predecessor and shall then immediately swear in the remaining four (4) Associate Justices at the Student Government Inauguration.
- F. A vacancy within the court shall be filled with an appointment by the President of SGA and be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present.
- G. Justices shall be appointed two (2) weeks prior to elections. If the Student Senate fails to approve a position by one (1) week after officer elections then the current SGA President shall appoint the vacant positions with 2/3 vote approval of the Student Senate.

Section 3. Qualifications for Student Justices shall be as follows:

- A. Junior or Senior standing for position of the Chief Justice
- B. Maintenance of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- C. A Justice must be considered a full-time student under university standa

- C. The publishing of a report that shall be distributed to all branches of the Student Government Association and the faculty advisors based on request.

Section 6. The duties of the Communications Director shall be as follows:

- A. Provide a marketing plan for the upcoming SGA term.
- B. Create written and digital content to keep students informed of efforts from the Student Government Association.
- C. Maintain SGA social media pages.

Section 7. The duties of the Diversity & Inclusion Advocate shall be as follows:

- A. Communicate withnt Association.

- submit a statement of intent that they will enter into that academic college qualifications. Candidates with an undeclared major shall run for their assigned college.
- Section 3.** Any Collegiate Senator that changes their major during their term shall remain qualified for their seat so long as they do not change academic colleges. If a Collegiate Senator does not retain their enrollment in the academic college that they represent, they shall fill any open seat as a General Senator, leaving their previous seat open as originally apportioned to then be filled by Presidential Appointment. If there is no eligible candidate for the specific academic college, then the seat shall be filled as a General Senator Seat.
- Section 4.** Election must be held two (2) weeks prior to Spring Break every year. Newly elected officers will assume office 2 weeks before final examinations.
- Section 5.** Any vacancy in the Student Senate shall be filled by a qualified Presidential Appointment which shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the Student Senate.
- Section 6.** If no candidate running for an office of the Student Government Association receives a majority

Section 1. During the summer session, any general business concerning the SGA shall be handled by a

Section 5. Revisions to this Constitution shall become effective the semester after its ratification. 3510 G ()TJETQq0.

Section 6. Any laws changed are to