



**Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University  
Student Government Association Constitution and By-Laws  
Amended April 28, 2025 – Gibbs Administration**

## **Preamble**

We, the Student Government Association (SGA) of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU), recognize that we are the voice and governing body of the students. We realize that our goals may be obtained only through dedication, leadership, and cooperation with the University administration and students. All students enrolled at Alabama A&M University are entitled to representation by a governing body. Therefore, we hereby establish this document to serve as the constitution of the Student Government Association of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

## **Article I. Purpose**

The Student Government Association is the official representative of all undergraduate students attending Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. The purpose of the Student Government Association is to stimulate and develop democracy among students and to provide a path of communication to promote student interests. The SGA shall represent the student body whenever requested in its relationship with other organizations, alumni, faculty, staff, and administration. This organization shall collaborate with university authorities by participating in university celebrations, events, and programs such as Homecoming, Founder's Day, Magic City Classic, Black History Month, Freshman Convocation, and other events as determined by the Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development (OSALD).

## **Article II. Construction of and Compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws**

**Section 1.** This document shall serve as the official governing document for the Student Government Association of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, adopted by the Student Senate to be compiled, maintained, and kept updated by the Chief Justice under the authority of the Student Senate. The constitution shall also be found online.

**Section 2.** All SGA officers must comply with the Student Government Constitution and By-Laws. Willful and deliberate disregard of the By-Laws or any section of the Constitution shall subject the student(s) to removal from office by proper procedure.

## **Article III. Membership**

**Section 1.** Members are expected to follow the rules and regulations adopted by the Student Code of Conduct and the University Board of Trustees.

**Section 2.** Members are expected to exercise their responsibilities for the position he/she was elected or appointed.

**Section 3.** The interest and welfare of the student body shall be expressed through governing bodies. These governing bodies will be elected and/or appointed officers known as the Executive and Legislative Branches.

**Section 4.** Any student of collegiate level registered in the University is eligible to be an officer of the Executive and Legislative branches, provided that they meet the other requirements as stated in this constitution.

**Section 5.** The Student Senate shall consist of voting and non-voting

members.

- A. Voting members shall include: the Student Senate, Executive Secretary, Executive Treasurer, and Executive Chief Justice.
- B. Non-Voting members shall include: the Executive President and the Executive Vice-President (who shall only vote in the instance of a tie).

### **Section 6.**

The Executive Branch shall consist of the following officers in this succession:

- A. Executive President
- B. Executive Vice President
- C. Executive Secretary
- D. Executive Treasurer
- E. Executive Chief Justice

### **Section 7. The Legislative Branch shall consist of the following officers:**

- A. Two (2) Senator for each class
  - 1. Senior
  - 2. Junior
  - 3. Sophomore
  - 4. Freshman
- B. One (1) Senator for each of the four Academic Colleges.
  - 1. College of Agricultural, Life, and Natural Sciences
  - 2. College of Business and Public Affairs
  - 3. College of Education, Humanities, and Behavioral Sciences
  - 4. College of Engineering, Technology, and Physical Sciences
- C. One (1) Senator for Registered Student Organizations
- D. One (1) Senator for Social Greek lettered organizations
- E. One (1) Senator for Inter-Residential Housing
- F. One (1) Senator for Student Well-Being
- G. Two (2) Senators for Athletics
- H. One (1) Senator for each of the following Administration-Based Positions
  - 1. Student Affairs
  - 2. Academic Affairs
- I. Senator for Marketing & Communications (appointed by SGA Executive Board & Advisors)

- J. One (1) Senator for the National-Pan Hellenic Council (appointed by the NPHC Executive Board and Advisor)
- K. One (1) Senator for Graduate Students (appointed by the Office of Graduate Studies)
- L. One (1) Senator for International Students (appointed by the International Student Association and Advisor)

## **Article IV. Membership Qualifications**

### **Section 1. Executive Branch**

#### **A. Executive President**

- 1. Candidates must have an overall grade point average of a 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.85 or greater during his/ her term in office.
- 2. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during the full term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
- 3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.
- 4. Must be a junior with a minimum of 64 credit hours earned at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for office and must be a senior with a minimum of 94 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.
- 5. Must have served a minimum of one (1) year as an elected or appointed officer of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association prior to his/her nomination.
- 6. Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during the time he/she serves as Executive President.

#### **B. Executive Vice President**

- 1. Candidates must have an overall grade point average of 2.85 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or greater during his/her term in office.
- 2. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
- 3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at

any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.

**4.** Must be a sophomore or higher classification with a minimum of 31 credit hours completed at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for office and must be a junior or higher classification with a minimum of 63 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.

**5.** Must have served a minimum of one (1) year as an elected or appointed officer of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association prior to his/her nomination.

**6.** Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during the time he/she serves as Executive Vice President.

#### **C. Executive Secretary**

**1.** Candidates must have an overall grade point average of a 2.7 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.7 or greater during his/her term in office.

**2.** Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.

**3.** Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.

**4.** Must be a freshman or higher classification with a minimum of 15 credit hours completed at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for an office and must be a sophomore or higher minimum of 30 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.

**5.** Must have served a minimum of one (1) year as an elected or appointed officer of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association prior to his/her nomination.

**6.** Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during the time he/she serves as Executive Secretary.

#### **D. Executive Treasurer**

**1.** Candidates must have an overall grade point average of 2.7 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of a 2.7 or greater during his/her term in office.

2. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.
4. Must be a freshman or higher classification with a minimum of 15 credit hours completed at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for an office and must be a sophomore or higher minimum of 30 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.
5. Must have served a minimum of one (1) year as an elected or appointed officer of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association prior to his/her nomination.
6. Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during the time he/she serves as Executive Treasurer.

**E. Executive Chief Justice**

1. Candidates must have an overall grade point average of 2.7 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.7 or greater during his/her term in office.
2. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.
4. Must be a freshman or higher classification with a minimum of 15 credit hours completed at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for an office and must be a sophomore or higher minimum of 30 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.
5. Person seeking this office must have served a minimum of one (1) year as an elected or appointed officer of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association prior to his/her nomination.
6. Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during

the time he/she serves as Executive Chief Justice.

## **Section 2. Legislative Branch**

- A. Candidates for Legislative/senatorial positions must have 2.7 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.7 or greater during his/her term in office.
- B. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
- C. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.

## **Section 3. Miss and Mister Alabama A&M University and Royal Court**

- A. Miss Alabama A&M University
  - 1. Candidates must have an overall grade point average of a 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. She must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater during her term in office.
  - 2. Must be enrolled as a full-time (at least 12 hours) student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during the full term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
  - 3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.
  - 4. Must be a junior with a minimum of 64 credit hours earned at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for office and must be a senior with a minimum of 94 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.
  - 5. Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during the time he/she serves as Miss AAMU with the exception of Miss HBCU or Miss Alabama.
  - 6. The sex of Miss AAMU must be female. Miss AAMU must identify as woman throughout the duration of her reign.
  - 7. Must have served a minimum of one year as an active member of

a club or organization on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

8. All candidates for Miss A&M must participate in the Miss A&M Competition held during the Spring semester. She must be able to participate in the following categories:

- Private Interview with Judges
- Talent
- Evening Wear
- The AAMU Woman
- Onstage Conversation

B. Mister Alabama A&M University

1. Candidates must have an overall grade point average of a 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater during her term in office.

2. Must be enrolled as a full-time (at least 12 hours) student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during the full term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.

3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.

4. Must be a junior with a minimum of 64 credit hours earned at Alabama A&M University at the time of their nomination to be eligible for office and must be a senior with a minimum of 94 credit hours earned at the end of the Spring semester in which the election takes place.

5. Shall not hold an officer position in any other organization during the time he/she serves as Mister AAMU with the exception of Mister HBCU.

6. The sex of Mister AAMU must be male. Mister AAMU must identify as a man throughout the duration of his reign.

7. Must have served a minimum of one year as an active member of a club or organization on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

8. All candidates for Mister A&M must participate in the Mister A&M Competition held during the Spring semester. He must be able to participate in the following categories:

- Private Interview with Judges

- Oratorical Speech
- The AAMU Man
- Onstage Conversation

### C. The Royal Court

1. Candidates for Class Queen and Royal Escort must have an overall grade point average of 2.7 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of their nomination. He/She must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or greater during her term in office.
2. Must be enrolled as a full-time (at least 12 hours) student at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University at time of nomination and during the full term, as verified by the Office of the Registrar.
3. Must be in good social standing and clear of any disciplinary sanctions at any time before and during candidacy, and/or tenure in office.
4. Class Queens must be a woman, and Royal Escorts must be a man.
5. Must be classified as the following for each role:
  - Miss Freshman - enrolled full time with at least 12 credit hours and maintain throughout the semester
  - Miss Sophomore – earned at least 12-16 credits at the time of application submission and earned 30 or more credit hours at the end of Spring semester
  - Miss Junior – earned at least 31 credit hours at the time of application submission and earned 63 or more credit hours at the end of Spring semester
  - Miss Senior – earned at least 64 credit hours at the time of application submission and earned 94 or more credit hours at the end of Spring semester
  - Royal Escort – earned at least 12-16 credits at the time of application submission and earned 30 or more credit hours at the end of Spring semester

## Article V. Election Procedures

### Section 1. Student Body Elections

- A. The meeting of interest in a Student Government position shall be held annually in the month of January or February.

B. The Elections Committee shall consist of the SGA President and appointed seniors within SGA to help support the planning of Campaign Week activities and to enforce campaign guidelines.

C. Applications shall be reviewed by the SGA advisor(s) and committee after the established deadline.

D. Campaigning is prohibited until applications are approved by the SGA Advisor(s) and candidates are notified in writing.

E. Campaigning shall begin on the established date set by the Elections Committee and Advisor(s).

1. At the end of the campaigning period, all forms of promotion must cease.
2. Failure to adhere to campaigning guidelines will result in immediate disqualification from the race.

F. All campaign materials must be approved by the Advisors and the Elections Committee prior to the use of such materials in campaigning.

G. Elections will take place on the established date set by the Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development.

1. The hours and process for voting will be posted no later than forty-eight (48) hours before elections begin.
2. Once voting begins, the results will be kept by the advisor or designee until the time of announcement.

H. In the spring semester, there will be a transition period for the newly elected officials.

1. This period will include:
  - a. Attending meetings
  - b. Learning proper ways to execute meetings
  - c. Learning the proper responsibilities of the new position
  - d. Transitioning of new officers

I. Installation shall occur during the month of April or May.

1. The official term of all offices in both the Executive and Legislative Branch shall begin during the summer following their election. The terms shall terminate on the day of Spring Commencement of the following academic year.

a. If members decide not to accept or fulfill their position, they will have to reimburse Alabama A&M University back for clothing and other items that were received during the uncompleted term, unless they pay for

their own clothing and items.

### **Section 2. Facilitation of Elections**

A. The administrator shall be the advisor(s) of SGA. The administrator's duties shall be:

1. Setting up and running the elections voting system.
2. Tallying the final results of the student body general elections.
3. The students of Alabama A&M University shall vote on all Student Government positions except the appointed positions.
  - a. In case of a tie vote, the Elections Committee will hold a re-vote.

### **Section 3. Oath of Office**

A. Prior to assuming office, all elected SGA officials shall take the following oath of office, which is to be administered in accordance:

"I (name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) to defend, uphold, and abide by the Constitution and Statues of the Student Government Association and the policies of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University and faithfully execute the responsibility of the (desired position) to be the best of my ability."

The President of Alabama A&M University shall administer the Oath of Office to the Executive Board. If the University's President is not available, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall administer the Oath of Office.

## **Article VI. Membership Duties**

### **Section 1. Executive Board**

#### **A. Executive President**

1. The Student Body President shall be the official representative of the Student Body.
2. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of the University's Board of Trustees.
3. He/she will address any concerns with the Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development, Vice President of Student Affairs, and the University President prior to communicating them to any external bodies.
4. Shall act at all times only within the jurisdiction of his/her elected position.
5. Shall preside over all Student Government Association meetings.
6. Shall serve as ex-officio chairperson of all committees.
7. Shall call and chair special meetings of the SGA at the discretion or upon petition from 100 members of the student body at large.
8. Shall appoint any vacant positions in the SGA with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote confirmation of the Legislative Branch.

9. Shall ensure that all SGA officers fulfill their duties as stated in this constitution.
  - a. Shall work with the Chief Justice and Advisor to administer any disciplinary action as needed
10. Shall serve as SGA representative on special committees as deemed appropriate; Committees may include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Transportation
  - b. Activities - Black History Month, Higher Education Day, Homecoming Week, Spring Week, etc.

**B. Executive Vice President**

1. Shall preside in the absence of the President.
2. Shall be the presiding officer over the Student Senate.
3. Shall serve as SGA representative on special committees as deemed appropriate; Committees may include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Discipline and Grievance, Community Service, etc.
4. Shall help the Chief Justice in every way possible to uphold the laws of this constitution.
5. Shall submit a monthly report, which contains issues surrounding the committees chaired, to the Executive President.

**C. Executive Secretary**

1. Shall be aware of all the SGA activities and schedules and keep records and minutes for all its meetings on file in the Student Government Association Office.
2. Shall always keep all records of the SGA on file and in order.
3. Shall type all correspondence for the SGA office.
4. Shall create, compose, and release Public Relations materials.
5. Shall calculate and keep on file all office hours of the SGA officers.
6. Shall track attendance for all meetings and events and keep track of absences.
7. Shall serve as SGA representative on special committees as deemed appropriate

**D. SGA Executive Treasurer**

1. Shall keep a record of the SGA budget, purchase orders, invoices, and requisitions.
2. Shall present a monthly documented report from his/her office to the Executive Committee and the Student Senate.
3. Shall represent the Student Government Association in all official business transactions.

4. Shall ensure that proper arrangements and preparations are made for all events and programs sponsored by the Student Government Association.

5. Shall serve as SGA representative on special committees as deemed appropriate; Committees may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Fundraising Committee - Delegated members of the SGA

**E. Executive Chief Justice**

1. Shall be the official keeper of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Shall advise the Student Government of the constitutionality of any and all decisions made as they pertain to the student body.

3. Shall enforce the laws of the SGA Constitution.

4. Shall see that all meetings are conducted according to parliamentary procedures as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

5. Shall inform the president of errors in parliamentary procedure if they affect the basic rights of members.

6. Shall keep record of the demerit system.

7. Shall serve as a student member of the Judicial Board through the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

8. Shall serve as the on the following committee (if not running for a position):  
a. Elections Committee

**F. Miss and Mister Alabama A&M University and Royal Court**

1. Shall serve as an official host and hostess of the university at campus events, activities, and community engagements.

2. Shall be prepared to give greetings or remarks as requested.

3. Shall engage with the student body and university administrators, faculty and staff during events.

4. Shall host activities related to the role in collaboration with other organizations.

5. Shall engage with the Registered Student Organization Queens throughout the year.

6. Shall follow all guidelines as outlined in the Royal Court operational handbook.

7. Shall include Miss International Student Association during Homecoming and Magic City Classic weekends and other events as deemed appropriate.

**Section 2. Legislative Branch**

The duty of Senators is to be the representatives of their prospective

colleges/classes with the goal of adhering to the needs of their constituents.

**Classes and Colleges Senators:** Connect with and identify any issues of their respective classes and colleges to report back to the SGA body for recommendations to the University and/or respective departments. Provide opportunities for building relationships among the students, faculty, and staff within the respective areas.

**Student Well-Being Senator:** Bridge the gap between underrepresented students including first generation students, international students, underrepresented majors, & other marginalized communities. Explore ways to promote and enhance overall student wellness.

**Athletics Senators:** Bridge the gap between Athletes and the student body. Adhering to their concerns and working with athletics to better engage the students at all athletic events.

**Registered Student Organization Senator:** Provide oversight and guidance to active student organizations and conduct regular meetings.

**Social Greek Senator:** Bridge the gap between the Social Greek organizations and provide regular updates through the Office of Student Activities & Leadership 9 Development.

**Inter-Residential Housing Senator:** Bridge the gap between students who live on campus with the Office of Housing & Residential Life to understand any concerns and to provide a healthy living environment. Coordinate and oversee a council of representatives from each residence hall to assist in supporting duties and initiatives.

**Student Affairs & Academic Affairs Senators:** Bridge the gap between students and the two Divisions to address concerns and enhance the student experience. Serve as the STARS Coordinators for the academic year.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Graduate Students, and International Student Association (ISA) Senators (Appointed Positions):** Serve as liaisons for their respective areas to voice concerns and provide updates as needed. Develop ways for their respective groups to collaborate with SGA on initiatives.

**Marketing & Communications Senator (Appointed):** Design and distribute marketing materials for the SGA. Oversee the SGA social media accounts.

General duties of all senators include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Shall recommend and take all necessary actions on constitutional amendments.
- B. Shall submit a report of activities and action items at scheduled SGA meetings for approval.
- C. Shall confirm all Executive and Legislative appointments made by the Student Body President with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- D. Shall initiate impeachment proceedings of Student Government Association officers.
- E. Shall impeach elected and appointed SGA officials as deemed appropriate.
- F. Shall make all laws that shall be necessary and proper for carrying out the function and powers of the Student Government Association as stated in this Constitution.
- G. Shall request at any regular meeting, by majority vote, an explanation of any action taken by any Student Senate member.

- H. Shall work closely and establish meetings with personnel of specified concentration to discuss or report on any campus updates or issues throughout the year such as:
  - 1. Deans
  - 2. Chairpersons
  - 3. Students
- I. Provide Executive Vice President with detailed office hours.
- J. Attend a minimum of one (1) home game of every active sport on campus.
  - 1. Attend all Home Football games unless excused.
- K. Develop and manage one (1) event, initiative, or campaign related to the respective roles for each of the two (2) semesters.
  - 1. Senate areas may collaborate/partner internally or externally on events.
- L. Prepare a Transition Report for the next administration.
- M. Attend, participate, and volunteer for events hosted by the Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development.

## **Article VII. The Chief Advisor to the Student Government Association**

**Section 1.** The Chief Advisor(s) to the Student Government Association are the Director of the Student Activities and Leadership Development and Assistant Director or a designee appointed by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

## **Article VIII. Meetings and Office Hours**

**Section 1.** The Student Government Association shall hold regular biweekly or monthly meetings to discuss business and special meetings when necessary. The Executive Branch and Advisor(s) will schedule special meetings in advance. SGA Town Hall meetings shall be hosted at least once per semester for the student body. All members of the SGA are required to attend meetings.

### **Types of SGA Meetings:**

- A. Student Body Town Hall Meeting- A meeting where officials gather with the members of the student body to obtain information about the progress of the SGA and its activities. This meeting will also address the issues and concerns of the student body.
- B. SGA General Body Meeting- A meeting where all members of the SGA discuss issues, concerns, and other items within the SGA so that its members are on one accord and working simultaneously. This meeting must be held at least once a month.
- C. Special Meeting- A meeting that takes place in the event of an emergency, regarding issues concerning a specific branch, the SGA officials, or members of the student body. This meeting may be called at the discretion of the majority of the Leadership Council.

**Section 2.** All Executive Officers are required to productively serve ten (10) office hours (not to exceed 20 hours) per week in the Ralph Lee Student Center or designated office, performing duties directly related to the SGA and/or the Student Body. The Executive Vice President and Chief Justice will enforce this clause.

**Section 3.** All Student Senators are required to productively serve a total of five (5) office hours each week. Three (3) office hours must be performed in person per week in the Ralph Lee Student Center or designated office, performing duties directly related to the SGA and/or the Student Body. An additional two (2) hours may be spent with the departments related to their role and/or as deemed appropriate. These hours must be pre-approved. All office hours **must** be signed by the Secretary every Friday by 11:59 P.M. The Executive Vice President and the Chief Justice will ensure this clause.

## **Article IX. Demerit System**

**Section 1.** Demerit points shall be given based on each member's participation in the activities that are assigned to the Student Government Association as well as those activities that members volunteer to participate in. Student Senate members receiving a total of 6 demerits in one semester of office shall be removed from SGA. SGA Executive Branch members receiving 4 demerits in one semester of office shall be removed from their elected position and shall become an SGA representative. Demerits will reset at the beginning of each semester. All power of assigning demerit points rests with the advisor(s) of the Student Government Association in coordination with the Chief Justice. Reasons for members to receive a demerit point include but are not limited to:

- A. Failure to adhere to the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University's Student Government Association Constitution and By-Laws will result in one (1) demerit.
- B. Failure to carry out assigned orders from the proper chain of command will result in one (1) demerit.
- C. Failure to participate in mandatory Student Government events without turning in a valid excuse three (3) days prior to the event will result in two (2) demerits.
- D. Failure to attend all meetings held by the Student Government Association without a valid excuse two (2) days prior to the meeting will result in two (2) demerits.
  1. Members missing up to four (4) unexcused meetings in a semester will result in their removal from office. Excused absences include sickness, death, and conflicts of class schedule.
  2. Failure to complete the minimum number of three (3) in person office hours for the week will result in one (1) demerit.
- E. Each member of the Senate is given 6 demerits max each semester under the condition that they will reset at the beginning of each semester during their time in office.

## **Article X. Vacancy**

**Section 1.** In the case of the President, the person next in rank shall fill office vacancies of the Executive Branch after an interview with the Advisor(s). In the cases of Executive Secretary, Executive Treasurer, Executive Constitution advisor, the Executive President has the power to appoint individuals to fill the vacancies subject to 2/3 approval of the Executive Branch.

**Section 2.** In the case of a vacancy in any senatorial positions, the Executive President will go before the senate and present nominations to fill the vacancy.

- A. Upon the recommendation, verification by the registrar or other official, clearance by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, and approval by the senate, the President will appoint an individual to the vacant position.
- B. This will take place within two (2) weeks of the position going vacant.

**Section 3.** In the above cases, the official candidates who competed for the said position shall be considered first when making appointments.

## **Article XI. Impeachment Procedures**

**Section 1.** Written charges of impeachment may be brought by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Branch against any elected member of the Student Government or any appointment requiring the approval of Student Senate.

**Section 2.** After charges are voted upon, the impeached officers shall have two weeks in which to form a reply to the charges and present said reply to the Legislative Branch.

**Section 3.** The Legislative branch shall act as an impeachment court with the Student Government Association Advisor presiding.

**Section 4.** Two-thirds (2/3) of total Student Senate membership is necessary for the impeachment. The method of voting shall be a secret ballot. An impeached officer shall be immediately removed from office.

**Section 5.** All members of SGA have the responsibility to recommend the Executive Branch immediate termination from office and duly or appointed SGA officer based on any of the following reasons:

- A. Any officer who consistently fails to maintain the office hours as specified in this constitution.
- B. Any officer who has displayed a continuous history of inefficacy by not fulfilling his/her duties and obligations to the student body as prescribed in this constitution.

C. Any officer who misses two (2) consecutive meetings or obtains four (4) absences at any time during the academic school year without a legitimate excuse.

**Section 6.** All responses to the charges are to be submitted via email to the Executive Secretary no later than the next scheduled SGA meeting. The Executive Secretary shall keep the excuses on file in the SGA office.

**Section 7.** If found guilty or excuse is not legitimate, one warning letter shall be presented by the Executive Vice President and Chief Advisor to the accused asking him/her to fulfill their specified duties in this constitution.

**Section 8.** If there are any further violations thereafter: the Executive Branch will then present the name of the accused to the Legislative Branch for a vote.

**Section 9.** If the Executive Branch along with the Student Senate agrees to impeach the accused officer, any stipends that are guaranteed to duly elected officers will be withdrawn in proportion to the term he/she has served. Only 2/3 votes of the Executive Branch and Student Senate are required for this vote.

**Section 10.** If 2/3 votes of the Executive Branch and the Student Senate pass, the accused officer will therefore be removed from office and may no longer carry his/her title in the Student Government Association.

**Section 11.** The President of Alabama A&M University or his/her designee may remove any member of the Student Government Association if a student is in violation of the University's Code of Conduct, State Laws, and/or Federal Laws.

## **Article XI. Compensation**

**Section 1.** Compensation will be awarded to the following officers of the SGA.

**A. Executive President**

1. The Executive President will receive a private room, board, and tuition and fees for the fall/spring semester of his/her term, courtesy of Alabama A&M University. The University will also provide wardrobe for the Executive President, not to exceed \$1000 for the year. Additionally, the Executive President will be compensated through student worker payroll for documented office hours, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

**B. Executive Vice President**

1. The Executive Vice President will be compensated through student worker payroll for documented office hours, not to exceed 20 hours per week. The University will also provide wardrobe for the Executive Vice President, not to exceed \$750 for the year. In the event of the Executive President residing off-campus, the Executive Vice President may be considered for the following perk: private room, courtesy of Alabama A&M University.

**C. Executive Secretary**

1. The Executive Secretary will be compensated through student worker payroll for documented office hours, not to exceed 20 hours per week. The University will also provide wardrobe for the Executive Secretary, not to exceed \$450 for the year.

**D. Executive Treasurer**

1. The Executive Treasurer will be compensated through student worker payroll for documented office hours, not to exceed 20 hours per week. The University will also provide wardrobe for the Executive Treasurer, not to exceed \$450 for the year.

**E. Executive Chief Justice**

1. The Executive Chief Justice will be compensated through student worker payroll for documented office hours, not to exceed 20 hours per week. The University will also provide wardrobe for the Executive Secretary, not to exceed \$450 for the year.

**F. Miss and Mister AAMU**

1. Miss and Mister AAMU will each receive a private room, board, and tuition and fees for the fall/spring semester of her/his reign, courtesy of Alabama A&M University. They will also receive a stipend, not to exceed \$500 each semester for expenses. The University will also provide wardrobes for Miss AAMU, Mister AAMU, and the Royal Court for specified university events. Additionally, Miss AAMU and Mister AAMU will be compensated through student wages for documented office hours, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

**Section 2.** All compensation and "perks" of the Student Government Association may be reduced by the President of the University or his/her designee and are subject to the availability of university funds.

**Article XIII. By-Laws**

**Section 1.** This constitution shall not be in conflict with the By-laws and Regulations of the Board of Trustees of the University. The President of the University retains final authority over all actions of Student Government. Any negation of an action of Student Government by the President of the University shall be in writing and shall specify the actions negated and reasons for the negation. Student Government shall under normal circumstances, receive any negation within three weeks after the date of transmittal of each statement of Student Government action to the President of the University.

**A. Standing Committees -** The following committee(s) and their duties are bound by

this constitution:

1. Fundraising Committee - to plan activities to generate funds for the SGA. \*The Executive President and /or the Executive Treasurer must sign all requisitions for funds after approval of the Advisors.
2. Student Concerns Committee – to aid and assist with student grievances.
3. Transportation Committee - to organize student transportation to off campus
4. Public Relations Committee- to reserve buildings and ensure adequate advertisement of all SGA functions
5. Elections Committee – to create a set of policies and procedures for the annual student body elections.

#### **Article XIV. Amendments**

**Section 1.** The SGA may adopt new by-laws by affirmative vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of those present will be sufficient to pass a by-law. The by-laws will not go into effect until passed at two (2) separate SGA meetings.

**Section 2.** This constitution may be amended by affirmative vote of 2/3 of the SGA.

**Section 3.** Advanced notice should be given at least one (1) meeting prior to voting on any amendments.

This constitution was amended on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April of the year 2025.

Signed Isaiah Huley  
Isaiah Huley  
Student Government Association Chief Justice

05/08/2025  
Date

Signed Mya Gibbs  
Mya Gibbs  
Student Government Association President

05/08/2025  
Date

Signed Dr. Jessica Brown  
Dr. Jessica Brown  
Director, Student Activities & Leadership Development

05/14/2025  
Date

Signed Dr. Braque Talley  
Dr. Braque Talley  
Vice President for Student Affairs

05/25/2025  
Date

Signed Attorney Rochelle Conley  
Attorney Rochelle Conley  
General Counsel

June 24, 2025  
Date

Signed Dr. Daniel K. Wims  
Dr. Daniel K. Wims  
President, Alabama A&M University

7/29/25  
Date