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The University of Alabama in Huntsville
A Bill to Amend the SGA Constitution (2)

Whereas,

1. The Student Government Association (SGA) currently allocates 15 of its 42 Senate seats to classification standings -- Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Graduate students; and
2. The Sophomore and Junior class Senators in these seats are, by nature, expected to represent a constituency base that is extremely diverse, sizeable, spread out across all areas of campus, and *lacks any meaningful common interest*; and
3. The Freshman, Senior, and Graduate classifications maintain meaningful common interests in specific issues that face only first-year students, senior students, or graduate students; and
4. Registered Student Organizations (RSO) are grouped into categories based on common interest and have locations for meetings throughout campus, creating a potential constituency base of RSO members that
 - a. by nature, is more interested in campus issues -- as members of RSO's on campus are involved in meaningful ways beyond academics,
 - b. has specific needs surrounding their common interests that can be advocated for in line with the purpose and mission of the SGA, and
 - c. can effectively and efficiently be reached by Senators, leading to sustained advocacy for their needs.

Therefore, let it be hereby enacted that The Student Government Association of The University of Alabama in Huntsville shall add the following amendment to the SGA Constitution.



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Amendment II

Inconsistencies created by Amendment II between Amendment II and any references to the Senate structure in the Student Government Association Constitution and Student Government Association Bylaws of the Senate will be overruled by Amendment II upon its ratification.

Effective as of Spring 2022 Elections for the 2022-2023 Legislative Year

Section 1. Structure of the SGA Senate

1. The membership of the Senate shall be composed of a total of forty (40) Senators representing the Academic Colleges, Registered Student Organizations, and student classifications.
2. The seats of the Academic College Senators shall be composed of twenty-seven (27) seats delegated by proportional representation, to be based upon the relative spring enrollments of the Colleges of Business; Education; Engineering; Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Nursing; Professional and Continuing Studies*; and Science, with no College having fewer than two (2) Senators.
 - a. Proportional allocations of the College Senators are to be adjusted for the Spring election of every even-numbered year.
3. Senators from the Registered Student Organizations shall be composed of eight (8) seats, one (1) per RSO category, excluding the "sponsored" category.
 - a. The eight (8) included RSO classifications being Academic, Community Service, Fraternity & Sorority, Honor Society, Multicultural, Political & Special Interest, Recreational, and Religious.
 - b. The RSO categories are set by the Office of Student Life. Future changes to the categorization system will be accordingly adopted by the Student Government Association.
 - c. The sponsored category is excluded as they all, by nature, have direct links to UAH administration and are extensions of the university.



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4. Senators from the student classifications shall be composed of five (5) seats, three (3) Freshman seats, one (1) Senior seat, and one (1) Graduate seat.

Section 2. Additional Qualifications and Requirements to Run For and Hold an RSO Seat

In addition to the requirements in *Article II* and *Article VIII*, individuals seeking to run for and hold an RSO seat must:

1. Be an active member of at least one (1) RSO recognized by the Office of Student Life under the categorization of their desired seat at the time of application for candidacy for elections or at the time of application for nomination to an RSO seat vacancy.
2. Provide a statement of active membership from an officer or Advisor of the organization within the category of RSO that the individual is active in and wishes to represent.
3. Maintain active membership in at least one (1) RSO within the category in which the individual represents throughout the entire legislative term.
4. The elected Senator of an RSO that has not applied by the RSO registration deadline, as set by the Office of Student Life, shall be eligible for expedited impeachment; after which, their seat shall be considered a vacancy.

**See Amendment I*

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