

SGA Code of Ethics for the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches

Statement of Intent:

The purpose of the Student Government Association's Code of Ethics is to set a higher standard of conduct for members of the Student Government Association. It is not meant to be used to remove members from the Student Government Association. Removal proceedings for not following this code should be made only in extreme cases of unethical behavior.

Article I My Responsibilities to the Students of Austin Peay State University

Section 1.

I will at all times think in terms of "students first," always determining things in the light of how they affect the student in his/her education and training.

Section 2.

I will seek to provide equal educational opportunities for all students regardless of race, nationality, religion, personal interest, age, sexual preference or gender.

Section 3.

I will continually seek new experiences and opportunities which will improve my knowledge, leadership skills and representation of the students.

Section 4.

I will endeavor to appraise objectively both the present and future educational needs of the community.

Section 5.

While representing Austin Peay State University and the Student Government Association on official business, I will do so in a manner reflected by the Code of Student Conduct as outlined under the Austin Peay State University Student Disciplinary Rules.

Section 6.

I will endeavor to keep the community informed about the progress and needs of the students of Austin Peay State University.

Article II My Responsibilities to the SGA

Section 1.

I will refuse to make promises as to how I will vote on a matter which should properly come before the branch senate as a whole.

Section 2.

I will make decisions only after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and

discussed.

Section 3.

I will respect the opinion of other members. I, as a Senator, Executive officer, or member of the Student Tribunal will graciously accept the principle of "majority rule," as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4.

I will respect the privacy of other members of the Student Government of Association.

Section 5.

I will act in a trustful manner and will honor agreements and promises.

Section 6.

I will promote the involvement and development of all members of Student Government Association.

Section 7.

I will state all personal opinions as such and will speak on behalf of the whole body only if asked to do so.

Article III

My Responsibilities to the Executive Committee

Section 1.

I will give the executive committee full administrative authority for properly discharging its professional duties, and will hold it responsible for acceptable results.

Section 2.

I will see that the executive committee and those under its authority work within the framework of policies set up by the Student Government Association and Austin Peay State University.

Article IV

My responsibilities to Myself

Section 1.

I will take advantage of opportunities for improvement. I will make a great effort to understand my duties and responsibilities and be truly informed.

Section 2.

I will respect and follow this Code of Ethics as I would my personal Code of Ethics.

Section 3.

I will subject myself to review of the Internal Affairs Committee if it is believed that I have not acted in an ethical manner as defined by this Code.