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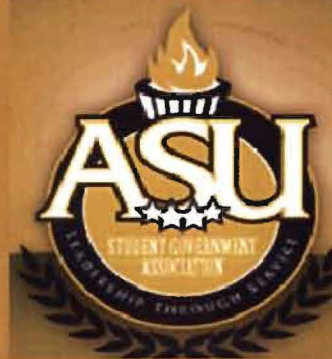
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## 2nd Annual Student Government Association Leadership Retreat

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Issue One

Knowledge is Power

September 2010



## Mission:

While shaping the integrity and character of each student by serving as a shining example, the mission of the Alabama State University Student Government Association is to be an advocate and voice for every student enrolled at ASU, while promoting and fostering leadership and continuous innovation. The SGA encourages academic progress and personal growth as it prepares to lead in the world of tomorrow.

## Vision:

The Alabama State University Student Government Association envisions itself to be the preeminent voice and vehicle for change of the student body. By linking with the general student body, ASU community and Metro-Montgomery area, we look to cultivate, supplement, intrigue, and entertain every mind that is associated with Alabama State University while staying true to the vision that our founders set forth in 1867.

## Vision 2010-2011: SGA Transformation Plan

The following are a few ideas that the SGA plans to implement, in order to make this vision possible. We want to make sure that- in the midst of all the changes taking place on campus (e.g., parking issues, construction, tuition increases)- your voice is still heard and your concerns are not overlooked or forgotten.

In this issue of the SGA Chronicle, you will get to know more about your executive officers and their plans for this year. Their visions for their respective positions all support the main vision for SGA. Most importantly, we need your support for a successful year! Please let us know of any ways that we can serve you.

### Vision 2010-2011: SGA Transformation Plan

#### Stage 1: Student Empowerment

##### *Recruitment and Training*

- SGA Interest Meeting and Leadership Retreat

##### *Communication*

- SGA Web page: online surveys, minutes, constitution
- Assist in proper documentation of concerns and suggestions

##### *Continuous Learning*

- Hornet Elevation Peer Tutorial Program and Book Drive

#### Stage 2: Revise SGA Constitution

- Surveys and town hall meetings to discuss revisions

#### Stage 3: Hornet Pride

- Alumni Trips—build relationships with alumni
- Pep Rallies—show all ASU sports teams that we support them

## ACCOUNTABILITY, COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK ARE THE KEY!

### Student Government Association

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## Inside This Issue: A Closer Look at Your SGA



## Ashley C. Thomas, Student Government President

### **Greetings, Fellow Hornets!**

My name is Ashley C. Thomas, and I am a senior communications major (public relations) from Montgomery, Ala. I am a third-generation Hornet who loves to sing at church (Word of Life International Ministries) and travel to other countries. My other hobbies consist of writing and practicing Spanish. My vision for the upcoming year is 3-fold: 1) empower the student body by sharing information on available resources; 2) promote pride in our academic progress and personal growth; and, 3) revise the SGA constitution for the needs of this generation's students.



## Kristopher B. Stovall, Student Government Vice President

### **Greeting, Hornets!**

My name is Kristopher Stovall, and I am a senior finance scholar from Cleveland, Ohio. I am a third-generation Hornet who loves to cook and make people smile. I have been a part of the Student Government Association for the past three years, serving as SGA Treasurer during the last academic school year. My vision for the upcoming school year is to encourage more students to become more active in their SGA by joining the Student Senate and also to transcend the ASU borders to connect with surrounding colleges. In addition to my involvement with the SGA, I am a member of the National Association of Black Accountants and a proud member of the Beta Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. I look forward to the upcoming school year and the opportunity to work with you to make a better Alabama State University.

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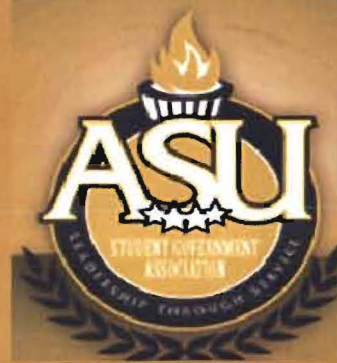
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# Travis C. Smith, Student Government Secretary

## **Greeting, Hornets!**

My name is Travis Smith, and I am a junior biology/pre-health student from Lafayette, Ala. I am an honest and compassionate individual who loves to play chess, read autobiographies, and have fun. I am currently involved in many campus organizations, such as NAACP, and Student Media, just to name a few. My vision for the upcoming year is to bring awareness to the student body pertaining to administrative decisions and to promote the telecommunications' department for students. I also look to empower the student body to stand up and become one voice on this campus. I look forward to serving as your Student Government Association Executive Secretary. "I have the people behind me, and the people are my strength." Huey P. Newton



# Taylor Poe, Student Government Treasurer

## **Greetings, Hornets!**

My name is Taylor Poe, and I am a junior communications major (public relations) from Detroit, Mich. I love to write and recite spoken word. I am currently the captain of ASU's Debate Team and an active member of ASU's Poetry Club. My vision for the upcoming year is to keep an accurate record of the Student Government Association's funds so that I may keep the students informed on how the SGA is spending their money. I also would like to encourage students to unite and become more involved in their Student Government. I look forward to serving as your Student Government Association's Executive Treasurer.





## Schedule of Events

<b>September 21</b>	Fall Elections
<b>September 23</b>	State of the Association Address
<b>September 23</b>	University-wide Fall Convocation 11 A.M. Dunn–Oliver Acadome
<b>September 24-26</b>	2nd Annual SGA Student Leadership Retreat
<b>September 28</b>	1st Official Senate Meeting in SGA Conference Room @ 11 a.m.
<b>October 4-8</b>	Mid–Terms
<b>October 14</b>	Last Day to Drop Classes
<b>October 29</b>	Last Day to Register for Graduate Comprehensive Exam

### reminders-

- **September 21** – Last day to withdraw and receive 40% refund, and pay promissory notes in full or Fall registration will be CANCELED.

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- **COMING SOON: Hornet Elevation Study Night**  
every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room
  - **Sign up for the Hornet Buzz Texts** (see any member of SGA to sign up)

# GO HORNETS!



The background of the page features a large, faint watermark of the Alabama State University seal. The seal is circular and contains the text "ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY" around the perimeter and "1867" at the bottom. In the center of the seal is a depiction of a building with a central tower and two smaller towers on either side.

Alabama State University  
Student Government  
Association Senate

**SENATE  
BYLAWS  
(2010-2011)**

**“The function of the SGA Senate is to inform and conduct the business of the Student Body at Alabama State”**

Alabama State University  
Student Government Association  
Senate

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Student Government Association  
(2010-2011) SGA Senate Mission

Mission Statement

**The mission of the Alabama State University SGA Senate is to enact legislation to serve the needs of the student body by allocating budgeted funds, to represent the views of its student constituents through resolutions, and to provide leadership in the defense and promotion of student rights and responsibilities.**

# **Officers of the Senate**

President of the Student Senate  
(Sir Chair Kristopher Stovall)

President Pro Tempore

Senate Secretary

Parliamentarian

Sergeant at Arms

Chaplain

**\*In order of Succession\***

# Officers of the Senate

## Job Descriptions

(Sir Chair Kristopher Stovall)

President of the Student Senate: The presiding officer over the SGA Senate.

President Pro Tempore: If the chair cannot be in attendance during a Senate meeting this officer is the President's successor and serves as the presiding officer in his/her absence.

Parliamentarian: Someone well versed in Robert Rules of Order and Parliamentary procedure. This position helps keep the Student Senate in order.

Sergeant at Arms: Keeps order in the Senate meetings.

Chaplain: In charge of the invocation.

Senate Secretary: Records the minutes of every meeting and prepares the documents for every meeting including the agenda.

# Senate Chamber Seating Chart

President of the Student Senate  
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## Senate Officers

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# Bylaws of the Student Senate

## Attendance Policy

Senators are responsible to attend every regularly scheduled Senate meeting. Senators are allowed one unexcused absence.

**Absences are considered to be excused if the Senator's absence pertains to: Death in the family (accompanied by an obituary)**

**University Official Business**

**Jury Duty**

**Athletic Team Requirement**

**Emergency (Verified by the President of the Senate)**

A warning letter will be sent by the Agenda and Replacements Committee to the Senator in violation of the Attendance Policy after one unexcused absence. If any unexcused absence occurs after the warning letter has been submitted and received, the Senator will be removed from office. **\* All excuses have to be properly documented, signed, and given to the Senate Secretary to serve as documentation for an excused absence.**

## Tardy Policy

Regularly scheduled Senate meetings begin at 11 a.m. Senators are allowed a 10 minute grace period to arrive at the meetings before receiving a tardy penalty. Two tardies will equal one unexcused absence.

## Dress Code

Senators are required to dress in business casual attire during a regular Senate session unless otherwise excused by the Senate Chair. Business casual attire includes:

**No jeans, T-shirts, or Tennis shoes**

**Slacks, Dress shirts**

**Skirts, Blouses**

**\*Senators who may be arriving from places of employment are permitted to wear respective attire.**

**Senators who fail to adhere to the Dress Code Policy will be docked five dollars from his/her Senate stipend.**

# Bylaws of the Student Senate

## Rules & Regulations

**Regulation 1:** The Legislative Branch will practice Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised Edition) during Senate sessions.

Sanction: Senators deemed "out of order" during a legislative session will be given two warnings by the Sergeant-At-Arms. **If a Senator receives a warning after his/her second warning, then he/she will be removed from the chamber at the discretion of the Sergeant-At-Arms.**

**Regulation 2:** Every member of the Senate body will serve on at least one committee and attend all of his or her committee meetings in the Student Senate unless properly excused.

Sanction: If a Senator does not serve on a committee or attend his or her committee meetings sanctions will be enforced by the Senate Replacement Committee at their discretion.

**Regulation 3:** Senate polos or t-shirts and black or khaki slacks must be worn at all official SGA events and the SGA President's State of the Association Address.

Sanction: Your attire will be noted and considered a dress code violation but no penalty will be assessed. A verbal warning will be given by the President of the Student Senate.

**Regulation 4: NO EATING IS ALLOWED IN CHAMBER UNLESS A SENATE MEETING IS BEING CATERED!!!**



# **Student Government Association** **Senate Committees**

**Budget and Finance Committee**

**Constitutional Revisions Committee**

**Senate Replacements Committee**

**Student Interests Committee**

**Appointments and Confirmations Committee**

# Student Government Association

## Senate Committees

### Description of Committees

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Members of this committee will be responsible for keeping track of the amount of money taken from the line items of the SGA Budget every meeting. The Student Organization Funding committee will be a sub-committee under the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Constitutional Revisions Committee:** Every member of this committee will be responsible for revising articles and sections of the constitution as instructed by the rules of the student Senate. This committee will also create proposals for bylaws to the Constitution.

**Senate Evaluations Committee:** Members of this committee will be responsible for conducting the evaluation process and keeping track of all documentation surrounding violations of rules as it pertains to each Senator. Members of this committee will also be responsible for finding students to replace Senators who resign or are expelled from the student Senate.

# Student Government Association

## Senate Committees

### Description of Committees cont...

**Student Interests Committee:** Members of this committee will be responsible for finding out what the students at Alabama State request, require, and advocate to achieve better campus life. Members of this committee will also be responsible for planning events for the students to interact with their Senate and become more familiar with the systems and branches of SGA. This committee will work closely with the Secretary of Special Projects and Major Events in the SGA President's cabinet.

**Appointment and Conformation Committee:** Members of this committee will be responsible for interviewing potential members of SGA when they are appointed by the SGA President. This committee will give their opinion to the Student Senate, and then the Senate will vote based off this committee's opinion.

## SGA Student Senate Excuse Form

Please submit all excuses to the Senate Secretary

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Absence \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you serve \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Senate Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pres. of Student Senate \_\_\_\_\_

## SGA Student Senate Town Hall Meeting Form

Please submit all forms to the Senate Secretary. All forms must be completed and turned in (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Capacity in which you serve** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Attendees** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Senator** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Attendee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Senate Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Pres. of Student Senate** \_\_\_\_\_



### **Top Goals Senators Wanted to Accomplish This Year**

1. Dress Codes
2. Café Hours
3. Parking
4. Peer to Peer Mentoring
5. Student Scholarship Fund
6. Constitution Amendments
7. Organizational Funding
8. Financial Aid
9. Internet
10. Student Activities
11. Visibility

## Changes to Proposed Amendment

All of the following content highlighted in yellow means that we did not really talk about it in depth, and I need you to make the changes that you feel comfortable with to that particular section.

- P1, Parts of mission statement (1-3)

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- Change to: promoting intellectual growth, academic freedom, and social welfare of the student body.

- P1, SGA organize events (1-5-c)

- Remove "To organize events for students."

- Title is now Vice President of Student Services (2-7) instead of Vice President of Student Affairs

- Make this change throughout document

- P9, Official joint ticket for Pres and VP (3-3-b)

- Strike: The President and Executive Vice President shall be elected on a joint ticket.
- The President and the Vice President do not have to be elected in a joint ticket, they can run as individuals

- P10, 3-7

- Remove "Section 7: Executive Staff"

- P11&24, Present bill to President within 7 days (4-11-L) conflicts with (3-9-E)

- If the President does not veto bills of the Student Senate within seven (7) class days following the date of receiving bills from the Student Senate. ~~after passage...~~

- P11, 3-9-f

- The President shall have the power to examine all official books and records of members of the Executive Council.

- P11, Typo: (3-9-m) "newly elected and appointed officers"

- P11 Budget due date (3-9-h)



- Insert “Student Senate” between the words second and meeting. Read: “...and submit it to the Student Senate by the second Student Senate meeting of the semester.
- P11, State of the Association Address (3-9-k)
  - Replace the first sentence with: “The President shall deliver a State of the Association Address no less than twice a semester.”
  - Strike “upcoming” from second sentence.
- Treasurer and Secretary Student employee contracts (3-9-L)
  - P14, 3-13-m “ as well as a 20 ~~45~~-hour Student Employment Contract”
  - P16, 3-15-m “ as well as a 20 ~~45~~-hour Student Employment Contract”
- P18, 3-21, Standing Committee: Remove “B. Hornet Traditions Committee, E. Food Services Committee and G. Campus Safety Committee”
- P21 Senate board meeting once a month (4-7-e)
  - “The Senate President shall meet with ~~call a formal meeting of the Legislative Board each month to~~ ensure proper direction of the Senate.”
- P21 post examination results (4-7-f)
  - Strike: “The results should be posted on the SGA Complex bulletin board for the student public.”
- P21 Why Legislative Assistant and Senate Secretary and salary (4-7-h)
  - Strike: The Legislative Assistant and Senate Secretary shall be paid a monthly salary.
- P22 (4-8) Type:
  - “...and shall be administer the Oath of Office by the Chief Justice immediately upon being elected by ~~the Chief Justice.~~”
- P22, 4-9-f, 1 office hour/week Senators, but where and how recorded (4-9-f)
  - Replace “To hold at least one (1) office hour per week for the purpose of staying in touch with constituents’ needs” with “To make a conscious effort to stay in touch with constituents’ needs.”
  - Remove conscious
- P23, 4-10 Summer Student Senate
  - Remove this section
- P25, 4-13 Advocacy agenda

- Remove Article 4, Section 13
- P26, 4-15 Standing committees
  - There shall be five (5) legislative standing committees: ~~Advocacy Agenda Committee~~, Appointments, Confirmations and Replacement Committee, Appropriations and Allocations Committee, Constitution Revisions Committee, ~~Information and Technology Committee~~, Rules and Ethics Committee and Student Interests Committee.
- Typo: “ARTICLE XII ENACTMENT”
- Typo: “ARTICLE XIII CEREMONIAL: MISS ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY”
- Miss ASU’s 100 hours community service; 20 public appearances
  - P40, 12-6-G: ~~Must devote a total of 100 hours to perform~~ community and campus service.
  - P41, 12-13-E: ~~To schedule at least 20~~ public appearances
- P39 Miss ASU Budget v. assume costs for wardrobe (12-2-I)
  - Strike: “Must be willing to assume the costs associated with her wardrobe during official functions of the university and Student Body.”

**I need clarification and your opinion on the following:**

- Attendance Policy 1-7-k-8
  - Do we want or need this in the constitution?
    - If not, strike: “Students have the right to a university-wide attendance policy.”
- P17, 3-17-h, Is attorney general going to get scholarship and a student employment contract, and on page 30, should Chief Justice receive tuition stipend? (5-6-i)

Opinion:

I do not think that the attendance policy needs to be in our constitution. Even though it may be the guiding principle for students going to class, it doesn't have anything to do with how they are governed. I think the attendance policy may just need to be in the ASU Pilot.

Even though the Attorney General and Chief Justice may have big responsibilities I do not think they should receive a scholarship and a student employment contract. I think they should only receive a student employment contracts.

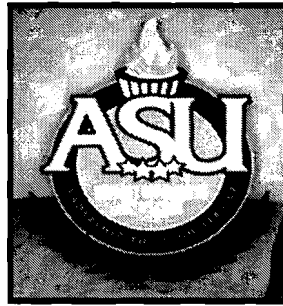
- Scholarships for the attorney general and chief justice might be good incentives, because it shows that we value all branches of government.
- Consideration: If these people are in these positions (until graduation, as this new constitution states) for their whole time at ASU, they will essentially get their degree for free.
- Where is this money going to come from?
- P19, 4-2-b, What about a senator for Graduate School or will we count one of the senators-at-large as their representative? Maybe you can talk to Dr. Dowdy about whether we should have an official Graduate School senator or not.
- What about inserting “All persons enrolled at Alabama State University are members of SGA,” as in Article 2, Section 1 of the original constitution?
- What about inserting the preamble of the original constitution?
- P27, Elaborate: Limitations of Power (4-17). I still don’t fully understand what this means.
- I understand no class officers, but what about class queens?
  - See Article 9, Section 2 of original constitution.

- We could have class queens so that each class could still have at least some form of formal representation, especially considering the new way we plan to elect Miss ASU's Court.
- They can also plan events for their respective classes.

#### Student Media

- (8-4-a) Why these particular people on the board?
- (8-6) What is the limit on the number of executive editors? Otherwise, we may be giving a lot of scholarships and student employment to people.
- P38 Programming Branch? (11-5) I still don't know what this is.
- P37 Recall petition, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last line (10-1)
  - What does the following mean: "The recall petition shall be filed with the officer with whom the petition for nomination to such office should be filed, and the same officer shall order the special election when it is required."

## Student Government Association Interest Meeting



Accountability-Communication-Teamwork

### Vision 2010-2011: SGA Transformation Plan

- Stage 1 (Aug.-Sept.)
  - **Student Empowerment**
- Stage 2 (Oct.-Dec.)
  - **Revise Constitution**
- Stage 3 (Jan.-April)
  - **Hornet Pride**

**Student Government Association Complaint Suggestion Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Please print legibly*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Text (circle one) YES NO

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use only**  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Demographics:** *This section is for record keeping purposes as known to you and the student body.*

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all that apply:  On campus In-state student  Off campus Out-of-state Student

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**TO:** \_\_\_\_\_  
SGA Officer (Title and Name, if known)

**SUBJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of Complaint/Suggestion

Attach additional sheets of paper if needed

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**Please list actions you have taken as a student to resolve the issue stated above:**

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