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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
of
ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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AMENDMENT I: Qualifications for President, Vice President, and Judiciary

To qualify for an SGA position as President, Vice President, or Judiciary, the following must be required at time of candidacy and tenure of service:

1. Must all come from the Tifton campus.
2. Must possess a 3.0 overall grade point average at time of election and maintain that standing throughout the officer's term of office, or the officer will be removed from office.
3. Must plan to attend ABAC through the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters of the term of office that the officer will serve after Spring Elections in which the officer is elected. Exceptions are made for officers who fill vacancies until the next election cycle.
4. Must be considered a full-time student respective of the student's school of study, exceptions must be approved by SGA Advisor and Dean of Students.
5. Must have completed a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College prior to SGA elections.
6. Must attend leadership training as directed by SGA Advisor.
7. Must comply with all rules and regulations of the Student Code of Conduct and SGA Code of Conduct.
8. Must take the oath of office as administered by the ABAC Vice President for Student Affairs, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, or SGA Advisor.

AMENDMENT II: Qualifications for the Senators and Executive of Bainbridge

To qualify for an SGA position as Senator or Executive of Bainbridge, the following must be required at time of candidacy and tenure of service:

1. Must possess a 2.5 overall grade point average at time of election and maintain that standing throughout the officer's term of office, or the officer will be removed from office.
2. Must plan to attend ABAC through the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters of the term of office that the officer will serve after Spring Elections in which the officer is elected. Exceptions are made for officers who fill vacancies until the next election cycle.
3. Must be considered a full-time student respective of the student's school of study, exceptions must be approved by SGA Advisor and Dean of Students.
4. Must have completed a minimum of fifteen (15) credit-hours at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College prior to SGA elections.
5. Must attend leadership training as directed by SGA advisor.
6. Must comply with all rules and regulations of the Student Code of Conduct and SGA Code of Conduct.
7. Must take the oath of office as administered by the ABAC Vice President for Student Affairs, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, or SGA Advisor.

AMENDMENT III: Student Advisory Council Delegate

If neither the SGA President nor the SGA Vice President can serve as the institution's Student Advisory Council delegate, the SGA President shall appoint the delegate from among the Executive Board or sitting Senators.

AMENDMENT IV: Presidential Authority

Regarding the legislative process, official response from the SGA President should be communicated to the Senate within one (1) week after notification of the proposed legislation.

If the SGA President has not either vetoed or signed within one (1) week of receiving the proposed legislation, it is regarded to receive a pocket veto. The exception to this shall be amendments, which follow a different process.

If the SGA President rejects the legislation, then the legislation receives a veto. A two-thirds majority vote of the Senate may override the veto. Such action by the Senate shall pass the legislation.

Proper procedure requires that the SGA Advisor and Office of Student Affairs be involved in the discussion of any proposed legislation, within Constitutional guidelines, so that they may provide guidance to the process.

AMENDMENT V: Graduation Apparel

Service of an SGA office through fulfilling the duties of a *complete* term of office shall result in the awarding of an SGA stole upon the SGA officer's graduation date. If an SGA officer resigns or is removed from office before the officer's term is completed, there will be no graduation apparel provided to the individual for graduation.

AMENDMENT VI: SGA Awards

Any SGA award may be designed and given with approval of the Office of Student Affairs, with previous award titles being:

1. The President's Award
2. Star Senator Award
3. Award/Certificates of Appreciation

AMENDMENT VII: Election Requirements

If only one candidate qualifies for a position in any SGA election because of the required number of semesters or hours completed, then the respective requirement may be waived for that election, at the discretion of the Office of Student Affairs and SGA Advisor, to allow for increased candidate participation from the student population.

AMENDMENT VIII: Election Committee

1. The Chair of the Election Committee shall be the Judiciary, unless the Judiciary is also a candidate.
2. If the Judiciary is a candidate in the SGA election, the SGA Advisor, in consultation with the Office of Student Affairs, shall appoint the Chair of the Election Committee.
3. The SGA Advisor, in consultation with the Office of Student Affairs and the Election Committee Chair, will appoint at least two (2) student representatives to serve on the Election Committee.
4. No member of the Election Committee may also be a candidate.
5. The committee will work with the Office of Student Affairs to oversee the process of SGA elections and ensure that the respective election procedures outlined in the SGA Elections Code are fulfilled.

AMENDMENT IX Resignation

If any member of the SGA resigns during the term of office, then the member must wait a full election cycle before being eligible to run for *any* SGA office again.