AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

The Amendment: The content in Articles V – XII shall remain the same but shall be shifted down one (1) Roman numeral so as to produce the following:

Article V – Judicial Branch now becomes Article VI – Judicial Branch
Article VI – First Year Council now becomes Article VII – First Year Council
Article VIII – Elections now becomes Article IX – Elections
Article IX – Impeachment and Removal now becomes Article X – Impeachment and Removal
Article X – Amendments and Convention now becomes Article XI – Amendments and Convention
Article XI – Supremacy now becomes Article XII – Supremacy
Article XII – Ratification now becomes Article XIII – Ratification

Article V shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE V – STUDENT ORGANIZATION SEATING

Section 1: Purpose.

A. Student Organization Seating, abbreviated hereafter as “SOS,” shall allow student organizations to apply for reserved block seats in the student section of Bryant-Denny Stadium for Crimson Tide football games.

B. SOS shall use the incentive of block seating to encourage academic and extra-curricular excellence among the membership of the applying student organizations.

Section 2: Board of Governors

A. The Student Organization Seating Board, hereafter referred to as the “Board of Governors” or “BOG,” shall oversee the selection of student organizations to participate in SOS.

B. The BOG shall be a division of the Cabinet of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

C. The Board of Governors shall consist of nine (9) voting members and one (1) non-voting judicial member.

    a. The actively sitting nine (9) voting members shall be selected by a five-member committee, which will consist of the Vice President for Student Affairs, a director in the SGA Department of Student Affairs,
the Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff, and the SGA Advisor, through a blinded application process. An emphasis must be placed on adequate representation of the student population.

i. Four (4) non-active alternate BOG members shall be selected in order to fill any vacancies that may arise.

ii. Any one of the four (4) alternates may serve as a temporary and/or permanent replacement to one of the active sitting BOG member in case of a recusal, conflict of interest, or any such matter that results in a vacancy.

1. In this case, the non-active alternate member shall become active and be eligible to vote.

b. The non-voting judicial member shall be appointed by the Chief Justice.

D. Applications shall be open to the student body for no less than 28 calendar days. The five-member committee shall meet the first day of classes for the fall semester to select the Board of Governors.

E. The Board of Governors shall preside over the remainder of the SOS process, overseeing presentations, assigning scores, and applying punishments for conduct violations.

Section 3: Allocating Seating

A. One-half (50%) of the grading formula for determining seats shall consist of organization GPA, which will be correlated to a GPA score out of 100.

a. To calculate organization GPA, organizations shall submit a list of names and corresponding CWID’s. This will serve as the organization’s roster for the upcoming period of student organization seating.

i. This list need not include all members of the organization. Rather, the number of seats for which an organization is eligible shall be equal to the number of members submitted multiplied by 1.5.

1. For instance, if an organization wishes to apply for seventy – five (75) seats, they must submit a list of fifty (50) members. The GPAs of those fifty (50) members shall be averaged together to create the organization GPA. The maximum number of names an organization can submit is 120.

b. GPAs shall be cumulative through the preceding Spring semester.

B. The other one – half (50%) of the grading formula shall consist of a presentation to the Board of Governors highlighting other relevant factors,
which must include but are not limited to leadership, education, and diversity, also to be graded out of 100.

a. The rubric for assessing the presentation portion, which will encompass these above components, shall be created by the Board of Governors.

b. Each member of the BOG shall produce his or her own score for each organization. The individual scores shall be averaged together to produce the presentation score, which will be added to the organization GPA score.

C. The total score, out of 200, for each organization shall be used to rank the organizations.

a. This ranking shall be given to the SGA Advisor. This person shall work with Gameday Partners to assign the organizations seats according to the scores provided, with highest scores being given the most preferable seating

Section 4: Student Organization Seating Timeline

A. To be eligible for student organization seating,

a. Student organizations must be SOURCE-recognized and must sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the SOS process and conduct guidelines by the last day of classes for the Spring semester.

i. The contract shall be written by the SGA Advisor, the SGA Vice President for Student Affairs, and the SGA President, and shall be subject to revisions by the Board of Governors and the SGA Advisor in years hereafter.

b. Student organizations must submit the number of members whose GPAs will be considered by the last day of classes for the Spring semester.

i. The number of members submitted will be multiplied by 1.5 to equal the maximum number of seats for which the organization shall be eligible.

B. Organizations must submit the names of members whose GPAs they wish to be considered, along with their CWIDs, to the SGA Advisor by June 1st.

C. On the evening of the first day of classes for the fall semester, the five-member committee shall meet to select the Board of Governors.

D. On the following Monday, the Board of Governors shall convene a meeting at which all eligible student organizations applying for seating must be present.

a. To be eligible, student organizations must have
i. signed the SOS contract,

ii. submitted the number of members whose GPAs will be considered, and

iii. provided the list of members and their CWIDs by the respective deadlines.

b. At this meeting, the BOG shall explain the rubric for the presentation and lay out the timeline for the remainder of the SOS process, as well as reiterating all relevant conduct guidelines. Organizations shall also sign up for presentation times.

E. The BOG shall hear presentations and release the SOS map, including where organizations shall be seated, no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the first home football game.

F. All organizations will have 48 hours to appeal to the BOG after receiving the Student Organization Seating map. Appeals will be received by the BOG and responded to within one week of receiving the appeal. The response, which will consist of a majority vote by the Board of Governors, will be final.

Section 5: Conduct Violations

A. Conduct violations shall take two forms: behavioral violations and failure to adequately fill seats. Both shall be outlined in the contract to be signed at the end of the Spring semester.

B. The BOG may remove seats from any organization at any time as a result of a conduct violation.

C. Behavioral conduct violations shall also be subject to review by the Office of Student Conduct and other relevant offices, and any corresponding penalties will be applicable as those offices see fit.