

Amendment 1: General Updates

If passed, this amendment shall do the following:

1. Remove the requirement of including student organization constitutions in the Code of Laws. These constitutions pertain more to individual organizations, than SGA as a whole.
2. Remove language and specificity in dates that should be included in the Code of Laws, not necessarily the constitution.
3. Add “Commendations” as a type of legislation that Senate uses into the Constitution. This is a practice that the Senate has already been doing.
4. Removes language regarding a judicial advisor who appears to differ from the standard SGA advisor. Additionally, this prevents any possible wording confusion that the judicial advisor gets a vote when reviewing cases.
5. Clarifies the amendment procedure and updates the language used to refer to the Division of Student Affairs.

The full text of the proposed constitutional changes is as follows:

1.

Current Text

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- (8) The Student Senate shall apportion itself annually before March 15, establish the date for Spring General Elections to be held before the end of the third week of April, and establish election procedures; provided, however, that no acts amending the rules and

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- (2) All legislation of the Student Senate shall be categorized as follows:
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 - (C) **Commendations: Acknowledgements, congratulations, or recognition of worthy merits on behalf of the Auburn University student body which are subject to veto as provided for by the Constitution.**

4.

Current Text

Section 1: All judicial powers granted herein shall be vested in a Student Jurisprudence Committee composed of one faculty member, who shall be appointed by the President of Auburn University with the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the student Senate and who shall serve as Advisor, and seven students, one of whom shall serve as the Chief Justice and shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association with the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Student Senate, and six of whom shall serve as Associate Justices and shall also be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association, with the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Student Senate.

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Amendment Two: Instant Runoff Voting

If passed, this amendment would change voting for The SGA President, SGA Vice President and Treasurer to an “instant runoff” or “ranked choice voting system.” In this proposed style of voting, students rank their favorite candidates in order of preference. Should no candidate receive a majority of first choice votes, votes are tallied again adding the second choices from voters whose first choice came in last, continuing until one candidate receives a majority. This amendment would ensure that at least 50 percent of the vote is required for a candidate to win, while also eliminating the need for additional runoff elections. This system may better represent the student body as runoffs have historically had lower voter turnout and with this system people whose first choice does not win still have their voice heard.

The full text of the proposed constitutional changes is as follows:

Current Text

- (2) The President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Student Government Association shall be elected during the spring General Election by a plurality, provided he or she received at least 40 percent of the votes cast. Should no candidate receive at least 40 percent, a run off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be held within seven calendar days.

To Read

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