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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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To the Southern Miss Student Body,

After careful consideration with the SGA leadership and members of the Legislative Branch, I am calling for a Constitutional Committee to review the SGA Constitution. Per Article X, Section II of the Constitution:

SECTION II. If the need arises for a rewriting of the SGA Constitution, the process shall be as follows:

- A. The process shall begin with the written consent of the SGA President or a unanimous vote of the SGA Senate.
- B. There shall be a Constitutional Committee established that shall consist of the following: The SGA President, the SGA Senior Vice President, the SGA Vice President of Judicial Affairs, SGA Vice President of Finance and Administration, SGA Vice President of Communications, SGA the Chief of Staff, and the Director of Campus Elections. The SGA Senior Vice President, SGA Vice President of Judicial Affairs, SGA Vice President of Finance and Administration, SGA Vice President of Communications, and the SGA Chief of Staff shall choose one members of their respective branches to be a part of the committee which shall bring the total of the Constitutional Committee to thirteen (13) members.
- C. The committee shall meet at the discretion of the committee members but shall not operate unless nine (9) out of the thirteen (13) members are present.
- D. Upon completion, the new document must be submitted first to the SGA Senate for two-thirds approval of the senators on the roster, then to a vote by the student body. This document shall go into effect with the majority consent of the student body vote.
- E. Upon a plurality vote of the participating student body of The University of Southern Mississippi and approval by the Vice President of Student Affairs, the new SGA constitution shall take immediate effect, and all preceding documents shall be declared null and void.
- F. Conflicts to immediate implementation may be postponed or managed accordingly with the approval of the SGA President and the SGA Vice President of Judicial Affairs.
- G. A Constitutional Convention may not be called within three (3) years of the most previous convention.

I am asking the committee to review and update the SGA constitution to reflect the recent changes that have been made within the SGA. I also want to ensure that our governing document allows the SGA to effectively serve the student body.

Sincerely,

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2023-2024 Student Government Association President