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A Proposal to Adopt the Revised Constitution

Short Title: A resolution to adopt the revised Constitution presented by the Student Government Association Staff.

- Whereas, Article V of the Constitution states, “Amendments to the Constitution may be presented to the Senate at any time, and if approved by a two-thirds majority of the total membership, shall be submitted in the next general or a special election for approval by the electorate;” and
- Whereas, SGA states in its Preamble that we, the students of Arkansas State University, assume certain responsibilities and privileges of self-government; and
- Whereas, the Preamble also states that SGA is to promote democratic principles; and
- Whereas, in order to honor the promise and duty to the student body, this institution must have a Constitution that reflects those values; and
- Whereas, the accuracy of the Constitution is vital to maintain the integrity and purpose of SGA as an institution; and
- Whereas, it is necessary for the Constitution to reflect the most up-to-date rules and procedures of the institution; and
- Whereas, it is appropriate to add and improve upon areas of the Constitution that lack needed language or clarity;

Whereas, it is important to remove any ambiguity, when possible; and

Whereas, the original intent of the authors of a portion of the constitution, in which the definition of semester is ambiguous, was for semester to mean a full semester.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Arkansas State University Student Government Association shall amend the Constitution Definitions section to add the following definition of a semester:

Definitions:

- Semester- (when referring to time served) full semester, either fall or spring. A full semester shall consist of every meeting that takes place within the academic semester, as outlined by the university academic calendar. Any meetings between elections and the recess for summer break should count towards the upcoming fall semester. (Used in Article I, Section 3, clause 2; Article II, Section 6, clause 2, point c; Article II, Section 6, clause 8, point ii; Article II, Section 6, clause 9, point iii)

EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

In light of the upcoming recess for the summer term, this resolution shall be handled in an expedient manner and be put into effect immediately upon approval of the Senate in order for the issue to appear on the Arkansas State University Student Government Association ballot in the upcoming Fall 2021 Freshman Senator elections.

Pass



Logan Mitchell, Vice President

Fail



Ellie Mayberry, President

*Resolution passed in Fall 2021 Freshman Senator general elections.