



The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Student Senate 2025-2026

**Disclosure of Conflicts for Legislative Openness and Senate Ethics Act**

To amend the USGA Code of Laws to promote transparency and public confidence in the legislative process by establishing a limited conflict-of-interest disclosure requirement for Senators. This amendment requires the disclosure of direct conflicts of interest prior to participation in legislative debate, while preserving each Senator's full right to debate, vote, and participate in Senate proceedings. The intent of this Act is to provide clarity and openness, not to impose penalties or restrict participation.

*The following will be added to the USGA Code of Laws under the section number and heading provided.*

**§ 301.9 Conflict-of- Interest Disclosure**

**§ 301.9.1 Definitions**

**For the purpose of this section:**

**A. Conflict of Interest** shall mean a circumstance in which a Senator serves as an officer or designated representative of an organization that is directly and specifically affected by legislation under consideration.

**B. Officer** shall mean an individual holding a titled leadership position within an organization

**§ 301.9.2 Disclosure Requirement:** Any Senator with a conflict of interest shall disclose such affiliation prior to participating in debate.

**§ 301.9.3** Disclosure shall be informational only and shall not limit debate, voting, or participation. Disclosures shall be recorded in the official minutes.

**§ 301.9.4** Failure to disclose shall not result in disciplinary action or invalidate any vote. Disclosure shall be made when identified.

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