

# CODE OF CONDUCT of the STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION of ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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# **PRELUDE**

This Code of Conduct is established to outline clear guidelines for correct behavior and conduct for the members of the Student Government Association (SGA) of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), Legislative and Executive branches respectively. It is the duty of each member to conduct themselves in a proper manner both inside and outside of the official SGA meetings. Each member is expected to uphold and to be held accountable for all expectations outlined in this Code of Conduct at all times.

# **ARTICLE I**

The following expectations apply to all members of ABAC's SGA and should be observed in all SGA settings. All members shall:

- 1. Present themselves in "SGA casual" for general meetings.
- 2. Refrain from causing disruption during the meetings.
  - a. This includes the use of cellphones during general and all-committee meetings unless approved by the presiding officer of the meeting.
  - b. Also, sleeping, resting one's head, or dozing off will not be permitted at any point.
- 3. Adhere to all government documents and perform duties outlined in these documents.

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### ARTICLE II

Members of the SGA should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects a positive light on ABAC and the Communities served by ABAC. Members shall:

- Uphold the laws of the United States of America, the State of Georgia, and the counties served by ABAC.
- Respect all members of ABAC and the counties within the ABAC community regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Uphold all of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's policies, as outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.

# ARTICLE III

All active members of the Student Government Association should continually seek to improve the organization. Members Shall:

- 1. Seek to be informed and to keep all members of the SGA informed:
  - a. Seek to keep the student body informed on the work or events of the SGA.
  - b. Seek help from constituents on matters involving the SGA.
  - c. Search for new opportunities to address and resolve issues that impact the college or student body.
- 2. Represent their peers to the best of their ability by being involved on campus and serving the student body in any way possible.
- 3. Take the responsibilities of the SGA seriously, and continually seek to do good for all students of ABAC.
- 4. Promote communication between SGA and administration, faculty/staff, students, and student-led organizations.
  - a. Exercise willingness to respond to any questions or concerns made by any administration, faculty/staff, or students in a timely manner.
  - b. Regularly attend events and programs establishes by other campus organizations as a SGA representative.
- 5. Practice transparent leadership, presenting relevant and pertinent information in a timely manner to the ABAC public.
- 6. Hold the other branches accountable, using their specific authorities outlined by the constitution, and by-laws.

## ARTICLE IV

All SGA members have a responsibility to each member and the student body to maintain the appropriate attitude and level of professionalism regarding their duties. Members shall:

1. Reflect a positive name for the SGA and its members.

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- a. This includes practicing professionally appropriate behavior on members' social media pages.
- b. This also includes refraining from speaking out against faculty/staff, administration, students, and alumni.
- 2. Practice ethical behavior and honesty in all college settings.
- 3. Refrain from favors or offers of special considerations in exchange for anything of intrinsic or materialistic value.
- 4. Practice objective, fact-based decision making, using facts presented, student interest, and knowledge of the matter at hand (i.e., Decisions should not be based off emotion, personal bias, unrelated relationships, assertions, ignorance of the facts, etc.)
- 5. Refrain from using organization or college resources, not provided to the general Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College public, for personal gain or advancement.

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