

# **A RESOLUTION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL INTEGRITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**

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WHEREAS, recent elections at national, state, and local government levels have attracted considerable attention in regards to outside, in-kind and monetary election contributions to candidates;

WHEREAS, the University of Louisville (UofL) Student Government Association is preparing to hold its own elections, pursuant to the election rules passed by this legislature on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, being held during the week of February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017;

WHEREAS, Chapter 303, Section 1, Subsections (a) and (b) in the SGA Election Rules passed on November 29th, 2016 by this legislature prohibit any UofL “Registered Student Organization,” and “University department, entity, or affiliate” from making “any monetary or in-kind contribution to any candidate or slate”;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain effective representation of and action on behalf of the UofL student body only, it is in the best interest of the UofL Student Government Association to ensure its candidates and officials are free from influence in the form of outside, in-kind and monetary contributions;

WHEREAS, it is the prerogative of the student body to hold all UofL Student Government Association candidates to a high moral and ethical standard, as they would represent student interests and only student interests if elected;

WHEREAS, it is the prerogative of the UofL Student Government Association Senate to hold all UofL Student Government Association candidates to a high moral and ethical standard, as they would represent student interests and only student interests if elected;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the UofL Student Government Association Senate and the UofL student body strongly discourage and denounce any and all monetary and in-kind contributions made to UofL Student Government Association candidates from or on behalf of the organizations and individuals listed in the SGA Election Rules passed by this legislature on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and any other outside organization, be it local, state, or national, public or private.