

# Newsletter

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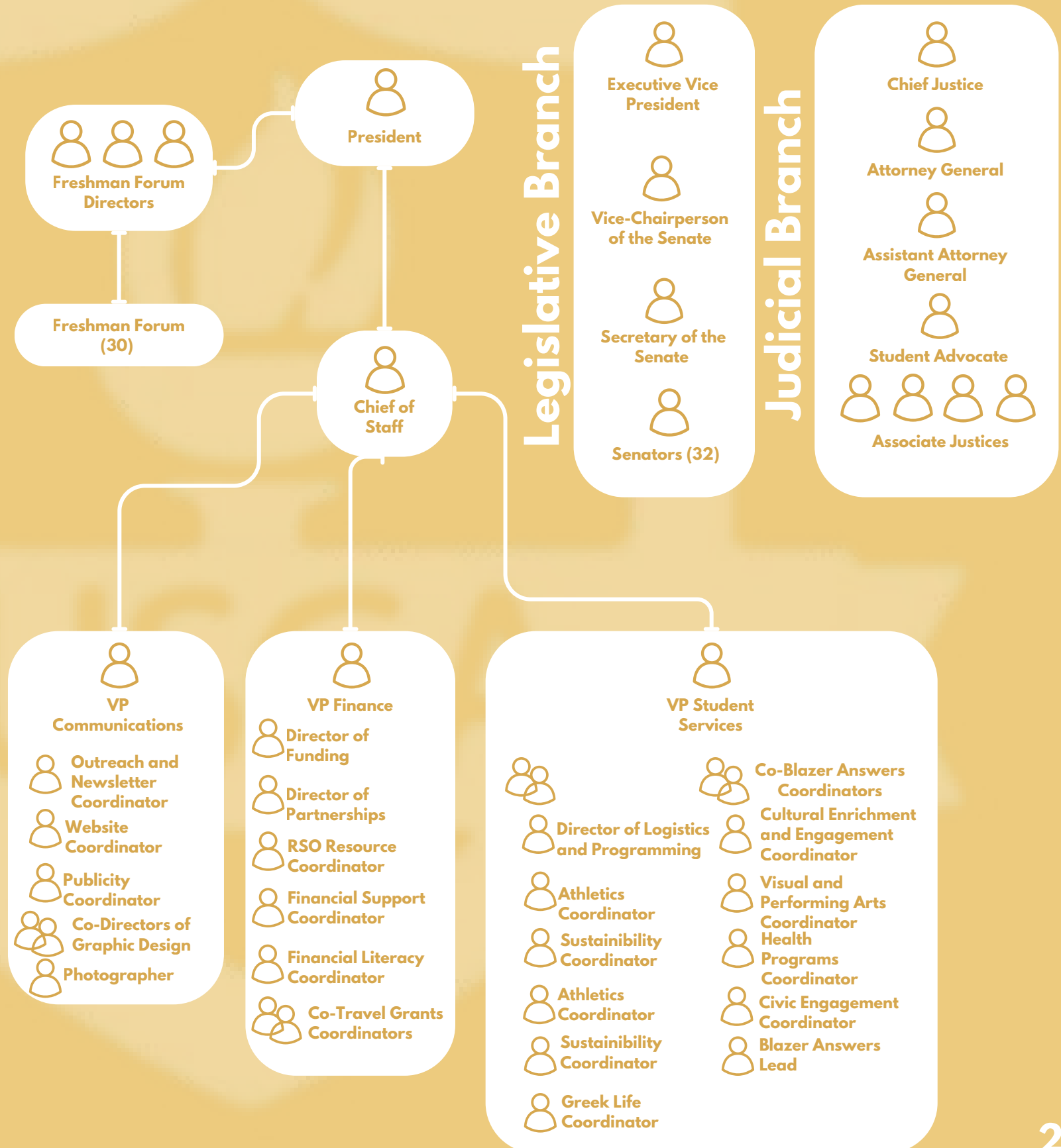


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# USGA Structure

2024-2025





# Ayona's Announcements

March & April



## Monthly Updates

**This is the last Newsletter, but Ayona has no updates! She wishes everyone the best on their finals and a safe summer. Go Blazers and Go USGA!**

# Overviews from Office of the President Monthly Updates

Chief of  
Staff  
Christy Xie



## Initiative Ideas and Goals :

The USGA Director of Internal Affairs, Yi Liu, has been working hard this past year to ensure that our USGA remains accountable to the goals it proposes. We are excited to say that as we close out this year, with just one more month until the conclusion of the semester, we have accomplished 80% of the total initiatives proposed since the Fall Semester.

## USGA Spring Banquet!

The USGA wrapped up the year with its annual End-of-the-Year Banquet on April 22, 2025. This celebration showcased Members of the Year for each Division within USGA and also served as the official Swearing-In for the 2025-2026 Executive Council.

## Participation Points

How do USGA members take part on campus? Through participation points! Christy has worked hard this past year to ensure that our members are active on campus through volunteerism. Thanks Christy!





# Catchin' Up With

# COMMS

## Monthly Updates

Director of Graphic  
Design

Jessica Martin



### New Member Alert!

We are excited to announce the newest member of the Division of Communications, Geneice Thompson. She will serve as the Co-Director of Graphic Design to Nicole Lober.

### Giveaway Time

The USGA Division of Communications was excited to announce its first giveaway of the semester via Instagram! The winner was notified on January 24. We are planning to have many more, so stay tuned! Make sure to follow our socials (to the left) to keep an eye out for more giveaways!

### Group Photos!

The Division of Communications is preparing to take group photos for each section of USGA. Stay tuned for more!

### Follow us!

INSTAGRAM: [uab\\_usga](#)

FACEBOOK: [UABUSGA](#)

WEBSITE: [www.uab.edu/usga/](http://www.uab.edu/usga/)

# Fun With Finance

# Finance!

## Monthly Updates



Director of Funding  
Anjali Alapati



### **USGA Prep-Book Program Survey**

The USGA Department of Finance is working with Sterne Library on providing students with prep-books for their exams to help lower costs, whether it's MCAT, GRE, LSAT, DAT, or any other test, your input will help us stock the resources that matter most to you. Take this quick survey to let us know what prep-books you'd like to see available at Sterne Library!

### **USGA Travel Grant Applications**

The USGA Division of Finance has officially disbursed all funds for travel grants! These grants serve as just one of the many ways USGA aims to provide students with access to abundant resources for professional and personal development. For more information on travel grants, make sure to check out the USGA website for more information!

### **RSO Funds Update**

RSO Funds are nearly done being dispersed! Keep a lookout if you're part of an RSO at UAB. 6



# Sit Down with STUDENT SERVICES

March & April



## Monthly Updates

Civic Engagement  
Coordinator  
Ashima Grover



### **Sustainability Fair (April 9)**

USGA is excited to host a Sustainability Fair in collaboration with Green Initiative. Meet local environmental groups and student organizations who work collectively for a greener tomorrow!

### **Looking at Legislation (March 24)**

USGA's Lobby Board hosted an informative event open to all students interested in gaining awareness on state and national policy! This was a great opportunity for learning, free food, and civic awareness with the Lobby Board and local leaders!

### **Disability Awareness Month Spotlight**

USGA aims to ensure ALL students feel welcome at UAB, regardless of their background. Every March, cerebral palsy is recognized to express support and spread awareness. Cerebral palsy is a permanent disability that impacts muscle strength and mobility. Check out all our awareness posts on Instagram!

# Freshman Forum

## 2024-2025

March &  
April



## Monthly Updates

Co-Director  
Jagath  
Madhanagopal



### Freshman Forum Initiatives:

Freshman Forum initiative surveys are LIVE on their Instagram! Our FF members have worked so hard to develop these, so check these surveys out on Instagram, and make sure to fill them out!



Associate Justice  
Georgia Erbe



## Just Chillin' with JUDICIAL



### USGA Global Kickback!

The Undergraduate Student Government Association hosted an exciting event on April 17 at the HSC Amphitheater, highlighting the amazing inclusivity of our campus through the various cultural organizations. The event was a huge success!



# Speak Out with the SENATE

## Monthly Updates



Senator

Daniel Hollingsworth

### Rent a Charger at the Hill Student Center

USGA and UAB are so excited to provide resources for students to help them when they most need it (when their phone/computer battery dies). As a general announcement, chargers can be rented at the Hill Student Center on the Second Floor beside Starbucks and stay powered up all day. Check out the flyer on Instagram details!

### CAS Basketball Tournament

The College of Arts and Science Senators is excited to host a CAS Faculty-Student Basketball Tournament! This will be held on Sunday, March 30th, from 2-5 PM at the University Recreation Center. Professors will draft three students each and play against other teams in a tournament style. Which professor will lead the best team of hoopers

### Survey Time!

The Office of Community Standards and Student Accountability needs help with reforming the notification letters sent to students. Check out the USGA Instagram for info!



# Members of the Month

March & April 2024-2025



**Welcome to Member(s) of the Month! USGA members nominate other members for their hard work and dedication. These members represent the values and mission of this organization, earning them a highlight for this month. This semester, Members of the Month are being highlighted on the respective page of their Division! Check out the sample of testimonies we received about members' work to the right. Make sure to check the USGA Newsletter next month to see who received Member of the Month!**



Jessica Martin is putting a lot of time into getting pictures for us, taking time out of her own day. That kind of time commitment deserves recognition, she should be commended.



Jonathan has really worked hard to plan and execute the CAS basketball event! This event has had many layers of difficulty and lots of communication with faculty!



Miles is a dependable and trustworthy senator who is dedicated to helping the Collat students and his fellow senators. He is reliable and hardworking.





# See You Soon!

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