

ASB to be changed to Student Government Association (SGA)  
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*History:* The term "ASB" does not adequately describe the organization of the student government body as ASB indicates the entire associated student body which defined by the constitution as:

*"Active membership shall be limited to students classified by PLNU as "regular undergraduate students" carrying at least twelve units. The same classification shall apply to "graduate students" who pay a student fee equivalent to that paid by regular undergraduate students who are designated "active members."*

*Present Issue:* There is some confusion on the terms ASB and Student Government and how they differ. Action needs to be taken to clarify this.

*Rationale:* Associated Student Body is referring to the entire student body and it's a misnomer for the organization. Student Government Association falls more in line with the mission of student government, to represent students. The term "ASB" is associated with high school programming groups and the term "SGA" is reflective of a university student government, which is true to our current identity.

*Proposed Solution:* To reduce confusion and create a distinctly coherent name, from here on, we will use the name of "Student Government Association" instead of "Associated Student Body", SGA as opposed to ASB.

Respectfully Submitted,



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