

**BILL B-12-17**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**21st Student Senate 2016-2017**

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Sponsored by: Secretary of the Senate Megan Wingbermuehle

**A BILL ADOPTING A BIWEEKLY FORMAT FOR THE STUDENT  
SENATE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled,*

Section 1. Chapter 500 of the Senate Rules and Regulations will amended to read as follows:

Chapter 500 Senate Meetings

Chapter 500.1 Senate will meet every Thursday at 18:30 at a designated location.

Chapter 500.2 Senate will operate on a biweekly schedule, alternating between Formal Meetings and Committee Meetings.

Chapter 500.2.1 Formal Meetings

Chapter 500.2.1.1 Formal Meetings will occur once every two (2) weeks.

Chapter 500.2.1.2 Old Business of the Senate may only be scheduled during Formal Meetings of the Senate.

Chapter 500.2.2 Committee Meetings

Chapter 500.2.2.1 Committee Meetings will occur once every two (2) weeks, alternating with Formal Meetings.

Chapter 500.3 In the event that the location or time is an issue such that a meeting cannot be held, or if the University of Alabama has suspended operations some time on the day of the meeting, the Speaker of the Senate shall be vested with the authority to cancel the meeting, and shall notify all Senate members should he or she decide to take such action.

Chapter 500.4 Formal Senate Dress Code

Chapter 500.4.1 Senators must wear business attire for all formal Senate meetings and all special sessions of the Senate.

Chapter 500.4.2 The requirement of business attire shall not be construed such that it applies to proxies.

Chapter 500.5 Prior to the commencement of legislative business, the Speaker of the Senate shall open the floor to members of the public for the purposes of voicing the concerns and the opinions of the student body and the presentation of petitions.

Chapter 500.5.1 Members of the public will be permitted at least but not exceeding three minutes per person for a total of thirty minutes.

Section 2. Effective Date- This bill shall become effective upon signature of the President or otherwise becoming law.

Section 3. Copies of this bill shall be sent to the following: Lillian Roth, Student Government Association President; Ben Leake, Student Government Association Executive Vice President; Shanikia Young, Chief Justice; Sara Oswald, Student Government Association Director of Media Relations; Grayson Everett, Student Government Association Director of Communication; *The Crimson White Media Group*, and any other copies deemed necessary.