

**RESOLUTION R-09-16**  
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**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THEIR ADVISOR**

*WHEREAS*, the current advising situation for many colleges at the University of Alabama include inconsistent student-advisor pairings; and,

*WHEREAS*, advisors are a key resource for academic success and efficiency in earning a degree; and,

*WHEREAS*, students rely on their relationship with advisors to shape their academic path; and,

*WHEREAS*, individualization is important for a positive student-advisor relationship and ultimately degree completion; and,

*WHEREAS*, having a consistent primary advisor will help students form not only a stronger understanding of their educational path, but also an individualized plan to help achieve their academic goals; and,

*WHEREAS*, as stated by the past president of the National Academic Advising Association, quality academic advising provides possibly the sole opportunity for students to cultivate a relationship with someone in the university who cares about their success and well being; and,

*WHEREAS*, all colleges within the University of Alabama should strive to develop personal, consistent relationships between students and their advisors for the success of each student's higher education;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the SGA would be willing to work with the Deans of each college to evaluate the effectiveness of student-advisor consistency within each advising department to promote consistent student-advisor interactions throughout each students' educational career at the University of Alabama.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that copies of this resolution be sent to Lillian Roth, SGA President; Benedict Leake, SGA Executive Vice President; Emily Cerrina, SGA Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Tim Hebson, Dean of Students; Dr. Robert F. Olin, Dean of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Brian Gray, Dean of Business and Commerce; Dr. Vikki

Vandiver, Dean of School of Social Work; Dr. Suzanne Prevost, Dean of Capstone College of Nursing; Dr. Mark E. Brandon, Dean of the School of Law; Dr. Milla Boschung, Dean of the School of Human Environmental Sciences; Dr. Shane Sharpe, Dean of the Honors College; Dr. David Francko, Dean of Graduate School; Dr. Charles Karr, Dean of the College of Engineering; Dr. Peter Hlebowitsh, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Craig Edlebrock, Dean of the College of Continuing Studies; Dr. Rick Steiffer, Dean of the College of Community Health Sciences; Dr. Mark Nelson, Dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences; and any other entities deemed necessary.