



**The University of Alabama
23rd Student Senate 2018-2019
Agenda for September 20th, 2018
Regular Session**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements:
 - a) Senate Social @ Innisfree after senate meeting on Thursday September 27, 2018. Super Casual
- III. Old Business:
 - a) **Bill B-12-18: BILL TO BRING BACK BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL**
- IV. New Business:
 - a) **Constitutional Amendment C-06-18: A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RESTRUCTURE THE PROCESS OF VACANCIES WITHIN FIRST YEAR COUNCIL**
 - b) **Resolution R-24-18: A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING SGA'S SUPPORT OF STUDENTS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE FLORENCE**
 - c) **Resolution R-25-18: A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CONDOMS MORE AVAILABLE FOR CAMPUS RESIDENTS**
- V. Adjourn

Bill B-12-18
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
23rd SENATE 2018-2019
The University of Alabama
23rd SGA Senate 2018-2019

Author(s): Senator Jason Rothfarb, Logan Sheaffer

Sponsor(s): Speaker of the Senate Talor Allen, Branden Greenberg, Brooks Payne, Demarcus Joiner, Katie Larson, Katie Arrington, Marquis Hollingsworth, Lauren Compton,

Endorsement(s): Chief of staff Charlie Steinmetz

Bill to Bring Back Business Casual

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Being leaders of our individual colleges, and The University of Alabama student body. We should dress to impress.
- B. Wearing Business casual allows us, as emerging leaders of the real world, to get used to a more common attire for work
- C. Dressing Business casual brings a more mature and professional feel to the meetings, allowing for increased productivity.
- D. The first meeting of each month will be Business casual for the Senate body
- E. The Speaker of the Senate and Secretary of the Senate should have discretion to determine attire for each Senate meeting after the first meeting of the month

Section 2. Legislation

Senators must wear business casual attire **the first senate meeting of each month, and** for formal Senate meetings and all special sessions of the Senate that the Speaker of the Senate and Secretary of the Senate deem necessary.

BILL B-XX-17

The University of Alabama

22nd SGA Senate 2017-2018

Author(s): Senator Eric Silver

Sponsor(s): Speaker of the Senate Matthew Childress

Endorsement(s):

A Bill To Get Us Out Of Suits

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The SGA Senate, in the 2016-2017 term, adopted a structure of alternating “Formal” and “Committee” meetings to give structure to what types of legislation would be considered each week
- B. While the legislative aspects of this structure work well, there is also the requirement to wear Business Formal at each “Formal” meeting

- C. Wearing Business Formal on weeks where the Senate has no special guests, and limited legislation on the docket is extremely unpopular amongst the Senate
- D. To better this structure, the Speaker of the Senate and Secretary of the Senate should have discretion to determine attire for each Senate meeting

Section 2. Legislation

Chapter 500.4.1 Senators must wear business attire for ~~all~~ formal Senate meetings and all special sessions of the Senate ~~that the Speaker of the Senate and Secretary of the Senate deem necessary.~~

Section 3. Copies

Attorney General Lance McCaskey, SGA President Jared Hunter, The SGA Senate and *The Crimson White Media Group*

Constitutional Amendment C-06-18
The University of Alabama
23rd Student Senate

**A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RESTRUCTURE THE PROCESS OF
VACANCIES WITHIN FIRST YEAR COUNCIL,**

Co-Authors: Executive Vice President, Lauren Forrest; Senator, Brooks Payne

Co-Sponsors: Senator, Kathryn Hayes; Senator, Harris Bolus

Endorsement: FYC Advisor, Mary Lee Caldwell; Chief Justice, Justin Cename; Associate Justice, Clayton Lawing; Associate Executive Vice President, Hunter Crawford; Director of FYC, Caitlyn Johnson

Section 1: Findings

The purpose of this amendment is to restructure the selection process for First Year Councilors in the case of vacant Council seats. By current constitutional mandate, in the case of a vacant seat on the First Year Council, the Executive Vice President is tasked with finding a first year student that lives in the residence hall that was originally allocated to the seat. The Constitution does not require that the student chosen to fill the vacant seat be a part of the original applicant pool. During the 2018-2019 First Year Council selections process, it was found once the applications were unblinded that there were several residence halls that did not have enough applicants to meet their minimum allotment of seats. This is even after 1,005 first year students, roughly 15% of the total freshman class, applied. Per the Constitution, in this situation the First Year Council class will be confirmed with vacant seats and the Executive Vice President will be tasked with recruiting members from said residence halls that did not meet the minimum number of qualified applicants. This would be disregarding the 951 qualified applicants that did apply for this position but were not selected simply because they do not live in the correct dorm.

Therefore, this amendment is meant to allow the Executive Vice President to choose from the original applicant pool and will further allow the Senate to confirm a truly qualified, cohesive First Year Council class that will work for the betterment of the class of 2022 and future classes following.

Section 2: Constitution and Updates

Changes to text have been highlighted in red.

ARTICLE VI - FIRST YEAR COUNCIL

Section 4: Selection

- A. FYC members shall be selected no earlier than the fourth week of class during the fall semester and no later than the sixth week of class during the fall semester.
- B. The Executive Secretary shall blind all applications received for First Year Council. The Executive Vice President, along with at least two former First Year Councilors, shall review blinded applications and reduce the number to an amount appropriate for interviewing.
- C. Interviews shall be conducted by a committee composed of two designates from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches as well as one representative from the Residence Hall Association and the Dean of Students Office.
 - 1. The President shall designate the representatives from the executive branch.
 - 2. The Speaker of the Senate shall designate the representatives from the legislative branch.
 - 3. The Chief Justice shall designate the representatives from the judicial branch.
 - 4. The President of the Residence Hall Association shall designate the representative from the Residence Hall Association.
 - 5. The Executive Vice President shall serve as a non-voting member except in the case of a tie amongst the votes cast by the eight voting members of the committee.
- D. Those selected to serve as members of FYC shall be certified by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote) of the SGA Senate.
- E. In the case of **vacant** seats in the First Year Council, the Executive Vice President shall appoint **the next highest scoring applicant(s) to** said vacant seat(s) to be certified by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote) of the SGA Senate.

Section 3: Ratification

This amendment will become law upon an affirmative vote from 2/3rds of the SGA Senate and referendum of the student body.

Section 4: Legitimacy and Awareness

This amendment, if passed in the Senate by the appropriate margins, will be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Fall Homecoming Elections on the SGA website for students to review.

Resolution R-24-18
The University of Alabama
23rd Senate 2018-2019

**A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING SGA'S SUPPORT OF STUDENTS AFFECTED BY
HURRICANE FLORENCE**

Authored By: Senator Reagan Tonner, Senator Caroline Stallings, Senator Marquis Hollingsworth,
Senator Kathryn Hayes, Senator Demarcus Joiner

Sponsored By: Secretary of the Senate, Sarah Boudoin, Senator Bennett McGehee, Senator Chad Heatley

WHEREAS, it is projected that Hurricane Florence will largely impact the states of North Carolina and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the projected damage from Hurricane Florence may be catastrophic to the Eastern coast of the United States.

WHEREAS, 1,120 students at the University of Alabama are from the affected states; and

WHEREAS, a large number of students will be impacted directly or indirectly by Hurricane Florence.

Therefore, it be resolved, that The Senate of the Student Government Association demonstrates their support for those affected by Hurricane Florence and students at the University of Alabama who may be impacted by the destruction of Hurricane Florence.

Be it further resolved, that The Senate of the Student Government Association look towards ways of supporting the victims and students impacted by Hurricane Florence through monetary donations or goods collected by the Student Government Association.

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Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Price McGiffert Jr., President of the Student Government Association; Clay Martinson, Vice-President for Student Affairs; The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

RESOLUTION R-25-18
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
23RD SENATE 2018-2019

Authors: Senators Bennett McGehee and Marquis Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsors: Senators Andrew Sudol, Andy Townsend, Colby Murray, Grant McAllister, Jason Rothfarb, and John Martin Weed

Endorsements: Vice President of Student Affairs Clay Martinson

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CONDOMS MORE AVAILABLE FOR
CAMPUS RESIDENTS**

Whereas, it is difficult for many students living on campus at The University of Alabama to access inexpensive or free condoms,

Whereas, it is in the University's best interest to encourage safe sex,

Whereas, the University has faced the press relating to uncited claims about Sexually Transmitted Infection rates on campus in 2015 (Gore),

Whereas, the Student Health Center website claims that only residential halls with 24 hour desks (Tutwiler, Paty, Bryant, Presidential I, Burke, and Ridgecrest South) have free condoms ("Sexual Health..."),

Whereas, students are more likely to pick up contraceptives at dispensers due to comfort and embarrassment factors, according to a study conducted by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (Francis);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government Association encourages University Housing and the Student Health Center to provide dispensers for free or low-cost condoms in all residential halls on campus,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, dispensers be placed in discreet locations, such as public restrooms (Greenlee), so that students are more likely to use them,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these dispensers be advertised by the Student Health Center and University Housing to encourage use and make students aware of them,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Dr. David L. Grady, Vice President of Student Life; Dr. Matthew Kerch, Executive Director of Housing and Residential Communities; Margaret Garner, Executive Director of the Student Health Center & Pharmacy; Price McGiffert Jr., President, Student Government Association; Leada Gore, *AL.com*; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

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