



**The University of Alabama  
23<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate 2018-2019  
Agenda for September 26th, 2018  
Regular Session**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements:
  - a) Speaker: Sarah Michel
- III. New Business:
  - a) **Act A-33-18: AN ACT TO SET A DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATION AND THE DOCKET**
  - b) **Act A-34-18: AN ACT TO RATIFY THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR**
  - c) **Resolution R-26-18: A RESOLUTION TO PLACE *VIVE LA FETE* ON NOTICE**
- IV. Adjourn

**ACT A-33-18**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SENATE 2018-2019**

Author: Jason Rothfarb

Sponsored by: Senator Branden Greenberg; Secretary of the Senate, Sarah Boudoin.

**AN ACT TO SET A DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATION AND THE DOCKET**

WHEREAS,

- a. The Senate currently has no set deadline for legislative submissions.
- b. The Senate currently has no set deadline for when the docket is to be released to The Senate.
- c. Senators deserve the right to read over a piece of legislation and feel as though they have had ample time to critique.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the senate sets a deadline for both the submission of legislation and the release of the docket.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the deadline for legislation to be submitted be set to 2 pm the Wednesday prior to the Senate meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the docket be formed and sent out to all Senators and all other concerning parties by 5pm the same Wednesday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any piece of legislation that is late will be Old Business at the following meeting of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this act shall be sent to Price McGiffert, SGA President;

**ACT A-34-18**  
**The University of Alabama 22nd**  
**Student Senate 2018-2019**

Authored by: Vice President for Financial Affairs Clay Gaddis

Sponsored by: Senator Brooks Payne, Senator Andrew Sudol, Senator Hunter Scott

**AN ACT TO RATIFY THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR**

*WHEREAS*, the Senate has the responsibility of adopting a budget to ensure the efficient operation of the Student Government Association; and

*WHEREAS*, the Senate is duty-bound by the Constitution to adopt a budget before the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1, 2018; and

*THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT*, The Senate approves the following budget items for the 2018 Fiscal Year as adopted by the Senate Committee on Finance

- I. Academic Affairs is allocated \$2,000
- II. External Affairs is allocated \$3,000
- III. Student Affairs is allocated \$2,000
- IV. Financial Affairs is allocated \$200
- V. Awards is allocated \$7,000
- VI. Better Relations Day is allocated \$5,000
- VII. SGA Fundraising is allocated \$3,000
- VIII. Communications and phones is allocated \$5,200
- IX. Elections is allocated \$9,000
- X. Homecoming is allocated \$35,000
- XI. Legal Services is allocated \$20,000
- XII. Senate is allocated \$2,000
- XIII. The First Year Council is allocated \$1,500
- XIV. Undergraduate Research and Travel Fund is allocated \$2,000

- XV. Graduate Research and Travel Fund is allocated \$30,000
- XVI. Judicial is allocated \$2,000
- XVII. FAC Expenses is allocated \$1,000
- XVIII. Technology is allocated \$1,975

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT,* The Senate allocates \$28,700 to the Executive General Fund as part of the Executive Operating Budget.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT,* The Senate allocates \$1,500 to the Director of Programming and Advancement sub-account within the Executive Operating Budget with the activity code SGPADV.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT,* The Senate allocates \$1,500 to the Director of Engagement sub-account within the Executive Operating Budget under the activity code SGENGA.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT,* The Senate allocates \$200,000 to the Financial Affairs Committee (FAC) for reimbursement of organizational expenditures.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT,* Copies of this act be sent to the following: Kendra Powell, Assistant Director of Business Services all members of the SGA whose positions are to receive an amended emolument via this Act; Sherry Phillips, FAC Advisor; all members of the Executive Council; and *The Crimson White* for informational purposes.

## **Resolution R-26-18**

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

#### **23rd SGA Senate 2018-2019**

Authors: Senator Cara A. Clay

Co-Sponsors: Senator Harris Bolus, Senator Jason Rothfarb, Senator Grace Burnett

Endorsements: Amber Chan, President of Students for Fair Labor; Amber Scales, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Clay Martinson, Vice-President of Student Affairs

#### **A RESOLUTION TO PLACE *VIVE LA FETE* ON NOTICE**

*Whereas*, *Vive la Fete* is a baby clothing company that is a logo licensee with the University of Alabama.

*Whereas*, Students for Fair Labor (SFFL) has found that *Vive la Fete*, has participated in several unfair labor practices.

*Whereas*, *Mujeres Transformando*, a community organization in El Salvador, has notified SFFL that over 300 women, who hand embroider our school's logo onto baby clothing, have experienced wage theft, retaliation against organizing, and discrimination.

*Whereas*, These women are called "home workers" because rather than sewing in a factory, they sew these pieces at home, largely after completing their other jobs and domestic duties.

*Whereas*, Despite the minimum wage set at \$300 a month, these workers are only earning a third of that. When workers organized to demand their fair minimum wage, they faced acute backlash by management. From having their orders minimized, to facing intimidation, harassment, and even targeted discrimination towards workers' children with disabilities, these women have had to endure unacceptable conditions.

*Whereas*, These women only earn about two dollars per piece despite the complexity of the embroidery, and the 9-15 hours of labor that it takes to make one piece. They often have to have their children help them to complete orders on time.

*Whereas*, In their assessment from September 17, 2018, *Worker Rights Consortium* states that, “both the violations of university codes of conduct in this case – particularly in the area of the underpayment of wages – and the resistance to remedying these violations...are some of the worst that the WRC has found to date in the production of university-licensed apparel.”

*Whereas*, *Vive la Fete*'s human rights violation do not comply with our university's pledge to “act with fairness, integrity and respect; promote equity and inclusion; foster individual and civic responsibility; and strive for excellence in all [we] do.”

*Whereas*, SGA should support placing *Vive la Fete* on notice under our licensing agreement and in the hopes that they pay these workers the \$1.2 million in back pay they are owed, provide them health benefits, and hold their supervisors accountable.

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Be it further resolved, that the copies of this resolution be sent to Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Vikki Vandiver, Dean of the School of Social Work; Bernadette Chavira-Trull, Director of the Supestore; Jim Barron, Senior buyer of the Supestore; Price McGiffert, President of the Student Government Association; the Crimson White