

Resolution R-35-19
The University of Alabama
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Sponsors:

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RELOCATION OF THE
INTERCULTURAL DIVERSITY CENTER**

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama strives to promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive campus community,

WHEREAS, The mission of the Intercultural Diversity Center (IDC) is to advance The University of Alabama's commitment to cultivating and respecting diversity by serving as a resource and liaison for students, staff, and faculty on issues of equity through education, outreach, and advocacy,

WHEREAS, The Intercultural Diversity Center was erected three years and is currently located in the Riverside Annex,

WHEREAS, The IDC is dedicated to collaborating with campus partners, in particular those that work with women, students of color, LGBTQ students, first-generation students, international students, students with disabilities, and students with active religious affiliations to create a safe, supportive, and empowering community for all, regardless of identity.

WHEREAS, The IDC also serves to encourage productive and honest conversations about race, gender, sexuality, religious affiliation, and ability through the use of art, music, programming, and other methods to expose students to the importance of diversity and inclusion.

WHEREAS, We envision a University of Alabama where people of all identities and experiences are heard, respected, and fully included in the community in order to allow equitable treatment and outcomes to prevail.

WHEREAS, The current location is not easily accessible for students, faculty, and campus partners. Which has caused a decrease in usage of the space.

WHEREAS, This center should be located in a more central part of campus that correlates to student life.

WHEREAS, It has been noticed that The Undergraduate Admissions office is planning to move from the Student Services Center to the Ferguson Center,

WHEREAS, There will be a vacant space in the Student Services Center after the Undergraduate Admissions Office moves to the Ferguson Center,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Alabama Student Government Association Senate advocates that Administration considers moving the Intercultural Diversity Center into the Student Services Center.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Intercultural Diversity Center will be easily and more available to students, faculty, and staff to increase cultural awareness and provide resources for increasing inclusion and collaboration on the UA campus. The Center will also collaborate with other departments and organizations on campus to provide programming to create a safe, supportive, and empowering community for all members of the UA community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be shared with the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. David Grady, Vice President of Student Life; Dr. G. Christine Taylor, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Intercultural Diversity Center Student Staff; Price McGiffert, 2018-2019 SGA President; Harrison Adams, SGA Vice President for External Affairs; Jay Little, SGA Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; the Crimson White Media Group.