Resolution R-42-19
The University of Alabama
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A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA’S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is a flagship University with a large and diverse body of students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America protects the freedom of speech for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is obligated to uphold this right in regards to the students, faculty, and staff of the Capstone; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is bound by HB 498 to defend the freedom of speech for its students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, HB 498 ensures that no public University may take disciplinary action against any students, faculty, or staff for exercising their freedom of speech; and
WHEREAS, the University of Alabama has not reaffirmed its commitment to the protection of freedom of speech for students, faculty, and staff following the resignation of Dr. Jamie Riley; now,

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association Senate encourages the administration of the University of Alabama to reaffirm its commitment to protecting the freedom of speech for students, faculty, and staff.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to: President Stuart Bell, President Harrison Adams, Vice President Kathleen Cramer, Vice President Christine Taylor, Vice President Linda Bonnin, the University of Alabama System, the University of Alabama Board of Trustees, the Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.