The University of Alabama
24th Student Senate 2019 - 2020
Agenda for January 16, 2020
Regular Session

Harrison Adams
President

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Clay Martinson
Executive Vice President

II. Announcements

Allison Bailey
Vice President for Academic Affairs

a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement: Senator Will Schramm and Senator Stephanie Otalora

Brooks Payne
Vice President for External Affairs

b. Office Hours – 3 per week

III. Old Business

Jason Rothfarb
Vice President for Student Affairs

IV. New Business

Demarcus Joiner
Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

a. Appointment of First Year Councilor: Casey Menten

Hunter Scott
Vice President for Financial Affairs

b. Amendment C-01-2020: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CREATING A NEW EXECUTIVE CABINET POSITION

d. Act A-01-2020: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN SGA ACADEMIC TASK FORCE

e. Act A-02-2020: AN ACT TO PROVIDE DISPLAY SIGNS RECOGNIZING THE FERGUSON CENTER MEDICATION DISPOSAL BOX

Demarcus Joiner
Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

g. Resolution R-03-2020: A RESOLUTION OF THE INTEGRATION OF AUTOMATED DELIVERY ROBOTS TO CAMPUS

Alex Sample
Executive Secretary

h. Act A-03-2020: EBOOK AND ONLINE TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Savannah Stewart
Chief of Staff

V. Adjourn

Clayton Lawing
Chief Justice

Kathryn Hayes
Speaker of the Senate
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CREATING A NEW EXECUTIVE CABINET POSITION

Section 1. Findings:

A. The Student Government Association’s budget for initiatives has been severely limited.
B. Most all projects and initiatives require substantial resources to be successful and impactful.
C. There exist many organizations that offer monetary grants to programs and organizations that align with the interest of the Student Government Association.
D. These grants most often require extensive work in order to have a chance of being a grant recipient.

Section 2. Amendment to the Constitution: changes in red

Section 10: Executive Cabinet. The President shall create appointed positions within the Executive Branch that serve the President in the administration and facilitation of the duties of his or her office. These appointed positions shall be listed below, and their duties shall be enumerated in the Code of Laws. The Treasurer and the Attorney General shall be permanent Executive Cabinet positions. The Executive Cabinet application will be opened one day after the spring general election, and it will close after ten school days. The Executive Cabinet shall only have one student per position. The only exception shall be the Deputy Chief of Staff.

A. The Chief of Staff shall oversee the Executive Cabinet.
B. The Treasurer shall serve as a member on the Executive Cabinet that assists the Vice President for Financial Affairs in achieving the duties of his or her office. The Treasurer shall be enumerated with the following duties at the discretion of the Vice President for Financial Affairs. The Treasurer shall:
   1. Organize and file all paperwork that comes through the financial affairs office;
   2. Assist in processing all paperwork;
   3. Serve as a secretary during Financial Affairs Committee meetings;
   4. Appear and speak on behalf of the Vice President for Financial Affairs in his or her absence;
   5. Assist in the planning and execution of fundraising events;
   6. Record allocations of SGA funds and give advice on SGA expenditures;
   7. Succeed the Vice President for Financial Affairs if the Vice President for Financial Affairs vacates his or her office;
8. Possess other duties as delegated in this Constitution and the Code of Laws.

C. The Attorney General shall serve as a member of the Executive Cabinet. The Attorney General shall:
   1. Be responsible for the upkeep of the SGA Constitution and any rules or regulations which may be established pursuant to this Constitution;
   2. Write executive orders at the discretion of the SGA President;
   3. Clearly communicate the duties of office to SGA officials;
   4. Advise the Executive Council on lawful procedure;
   5. Issue legal opinions on matters pertaining to this Constitution and any rules or regulations which may be established pursuant to this Constitution;
   6. Advise SGA officials on the requirements outlined in the SGA Code of Laws;
   7. Possess other duties delegated in this Constitution and the SGA Code of Laws;
   8. Be nominated through letters of recommendation submitted by faculty and staff members at The University of Alabama.
      a. Candidates shall be interviewed by an inter-governmental committee composed of the SGA President, Chief of Staff, and the Chief Justice of the Student Judicial Board.
      b. The committee shall recommend a candidate to be appointed Attorney General. The Senate shall either confirm or reject the committee's recommended candidate by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote).

D. The remaining Executive Cabinet positions shall consist of:
   1. Deputy Chief of Staff (may be more than one person)
   2. Chief Advisor
   3. Chief Implementation Officer
   4. Chief Administrative Officer
   5. Chief Legislative Officer
   6. Director of Programming and Advancement
   7. Director of Engagement
   8. Director of Environmental Affairs
   9. Director of Communications
   10. Director of IT and Webmaster
   11. Director of Strategic Initiatives
   12. Press Secretary
   13. Chief Justice
14. Speaker of the Senate
Resolution R-01-2020
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Authored by: Senator Eli Loncar and Vice President for External Affairs Brooks Payne
Endorsed by: Collegiate Recovery Director Gerard Love, UAPD Chief Hooks, SGA President Harrison Adams, Vice President for Academic Affairs Allison Bailey, Vice President for Financial Affairs Hunter Scott, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Rothfarb, Director of Programming and Advancement Josh Britt, Deputy Communications Director Will Bradley

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE COLLEGIATE RECOVERY CENTER AND PROVIDING A TEAM FOR HOOPS FOR HOPE

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

Whereas: Substance and alcohol abuse are prevalent issues on college campuses in the United States; and,

Whereas: The University of Alabama’s Collegiate Recovery Center works tirelessly to “provide a comprehensive continuum of care for students with substance use concerns;” and,

Whereas: The Collegiate Recovery Center’s mission statement says its “[s]ervices range from prevention, awareness, and exploration of consequences for high-risk
behaviors to a supportive, safe, and engaging environment that supports students seeking or contemplating recovery;” and,

Whereas: The Hoops for Hope event is a charity basketball tournament to raise money for the Collegiate Recovery Center; and,

Whereas: The registration fee for the event is $250 per team; and,

Whereas: Funds from the External Affairs cabinet budget will be used to cover the costs associated with registering such a team comprised of members of the SGA Senate; and,

Therefore be it resolved that the 2019-2020 SGA Senate will supply a team of five members to participate in the Hoops For Hope Basketball Tournament; and,

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Interim VP for Student Life, Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; the Crimson White Media Group.
An Act Establishing an SGA Academic Task Force

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

Whereas: The University of Alabama strives to be an institution where academic excellence is encouraged and achieved; and,

Whereas: The University offers countless programs to enhance the educational experience of each student; and,
Whereas: As representatives of the student body, it is our responsibility to support programs that will be beneficial to students, and encourage students to utilize these resources

Therefore be it resolved, that the 2019-2020 SGA Academic Affairs Cabinet will raise awareness for these aforementioned programs through “Academic Task Force” informational events.

Be it further resolved, that these events will take place each month throughout the Spring 2020 academic semester.

Be it further resolved, that this event will provide students the opportunity to hear about the opportunities and programs available to them that will allow for the enhancement of their academic careers.

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, SGA President; Hunter Scott, Vice President of Financial Affairs; Jason Rothfarb, Vice President of Student Affairs; the Crimson White Media Group
AN ACT TO PROVIDE DISPLAY SIGNS RECOGNIZING THE FERGUSON CENTER MEDICATION DISPOSAL BOX

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

Whereas: The National Council on Patient Information and Medication reports, “of [college] undergraduates that are taking stimulant medication under the direction of their doctor, more than half (54%) have been asked to sell, trade or give away their medication in the past year”; and,

Whereas: The College Prescription Drug Study, a multi-institutional survey that included students from 18 flagship public universities, reported “16% of students said it is somewhat easy or very easy to obtain pain medication for nonmedical use” and “the majority of students who misuse prescription drugs reported that they typically obtain prescription drugs from friends;” and,
Whereas: The National Institute on Drug Abuse’s 2019 report on the State of Alabama reported “the age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths increased significantly in Alabama by 11.1% from 2016 ... to 2017;” and,

Whereas: A similar disposal box was installed in 2015 at The University of Alabama Police Department’s headquarters, leading to an increase in the amount of prescription medication safely disposed of; and,

Whereas: The Tuscaloosa Police Department, Northport Police Department and the Tuscaloosa Sheriff’s Office each have similar prescription medication disposal boxes; and,

Whereas: The University of Alabama’s main campus previously had no safe disposal box for old, expired and/or unused prescription medication; and,

Whereas: A disposal box for the safe, responsible disposal of prescription medication has been installed on the first floor of the Ferguson Center; and,

Whereas: The medication disposal box is a joint effort between The Tuscaloosa Police Department, The University of Alabama Police Department, CVS/Pharmacy, and the Student Government Association.

Therefore be it resolved that a display sign will be posted at the location of the box to inform students of the drug box’s existence and will contain information on acceptable items and safety protocol; and,

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Interim VP for Student Life; Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; UAPD Chief Hooks; the Crimson White Media Group
Resolution R-02-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Author by: Vice President for Academic Affairs Allison Bailey
Sponsored by: Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Will Stiers, Senator Jill Fields
Endorsed by: Vice President for External Affairs Brooks Payne, Director of Programming and Advancement Josh Britt, Deputy Communications Director Will Bradley

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE EXTENSION OF Viable CREDIT HOURS UNDER TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

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

Whereas: The University of Alabama is a premiere public institution; and,

Whereas: Other public institutions in the southeastern United States such as Auburn University, Louisiana State University, the University of Georgia, Mississippi State University, and the University of Tennessee allow students to take unlimited credit hours under the financial coverage of tuition and any subsequent scholarship given by the university; and,

Whereas: The University of Alabama prohibits a vast majority of students from taking more than 16 credit hours per semester without an additional charge of $440 or $1,330 per hour to the
resident and non-resident students respectively; and,

Whereas: Only students under a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship or National Merit Scholarship are permitted to take up to 18 credit hours per semester with no additional charge to the student; and

Whereas: Both in-state and out-of-state students have expressed their extreme frustration regarding the added expense and inequality that lies therein; now,

Therefore, now it be resolved, that the 2019-2020 SGA Senate encourages the University of Alabama Board of Trustees to consider the addition of a minimum of two credit hours to the number of those permitted to be taken without additional charge to students who do not have a full-tuition scholarship, thus bringing the total number of permissible credit hours covered by tuition and other subsequent scholarships to a minimum of 18 hours per semester.

Be it further resolved, copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; the Crimson White Media Group.
Resolution R-03-20  
The University of Alabama  
Senate 2019-2020  

Authored by: Senator Royce Dickerson, President Harrison Adams  
Sponsored by: Senator Jack Kappelman, Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Sam Perry, Senator Isabella DeSheplo,  
Endorsed by: Chief Advisor to the President Caitlyn McTier,  

A Resolution in Support of the Integration of Automated Delivery Robots to Campus  

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association recognizes that technological advancements have continually become a rapidly growing and necessary part of a student’s everyday life and interactions; and,  

WHEREAS, such developments have made it important now, more than ever, for top-tier universities nationwide to be on the forefront of technological trends that enhance a student’s experience and alleviate a student’s day-to-day burdens; and,  

WHEREAS students are constantly plagued with the burden of not having accessible delivery options on campus in terms of meals and small packages; and,  

WHEREAS, with a lack of dining options within close proximity of all academic buildings, residence halls, and all other campus facilities, students are put in potentially dangerous situations if he or she doesn't have convenient access to local campus dining options or doesn't have the necessary time to travel across campus to grab a snack or meal; and,
WHEREAS, the day to day schedule of a university student is getting more and more consumed with class, meetings, and other obligations; and,

WHEREAS, students are always looking for ways to make their lives more convenient; and,

WHEREAS, universities across the country are beginning to allow delivery robots to start rolling across their campus, and Mississippi State is launching delivery robots on their campus; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama’s Division of Finance and Operation is always looking and striving to better the profile of technological services on campus each year in an effort to improve campus life for every student, faculty, and staff member on campus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the interest of the student body, the 24th Senate of the University of Alabama Student Government Association desires the University to deploy delivery robots to campus much like delivery robots have been deployed at several other universities, with the overall intent to promote technological enhancements and efficiency to the UA student experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kevin Whitaker, Executive Vice-President and Provost; Matt Fajack, Vice-President of Finance and Operations; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; All Deans of The University of Alabama’s Colleges; Kristina Patridge, Director of University Dining Services;The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.
Section 1. Findings

1. Many students have faced increased fees due to the required purchase of online academic materials, such as Redshelf, Cengage and Connect.
2. Students’ tuition and physical academic materials may be covered by a University of Alabama scholarship. However, none of these scholarships can be applied to any online form of textbooks, such as the aforementioned platforms.
3. If a student does not purchase physical copies of textbooks, scholarship funds that cover books will go unused and will not be refunded at the end of their academic career at The University.
4. As a body that exists under a motto of “Students Serving Students,” the UA SGA Senate is designed to represent the student body through committees focusing on specific initiatives that affect students, among these being Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, and Academic Affairs.

Section 2. Legislation

1. **Therefore be it resolved**, these concerns are communicated with the Office of Admissions and the Office of Academic Affairs.

2. **Be it further resolved**, a mechanism is developed by these offices to apply existing textbook and academic scholarship funds to one or more online (virtual) textbook providers.

3. **Be it further resolved**, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Savannah Bullard, Editor-In-Chief of *The Crimson White*; Harrison Adams, President of Student Government Association; Dr. Kevin Whitacker, Academic Affairs Provost; DJ Jackson, Office of Admission Scholarship; Kenneth Foshee, University Registrar, Luoheng Han, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs.