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