AN AMENDMENT TO CREATE A COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Section 1. Findings:

A. The Senate is currently required to maintain six permanent committees.
B. Four of the six committees correspond to the Vice President positions for External Affairs, Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, and Academic Affairs.
C. The Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is the only standing position on the executive council that does not have a corresponding committee in the Senate.

Section 2: Amendment to the Constitution: changes in red
ARTICLE III - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 7: Powers and Duties of the Senate. The Senate shall:

A. Develop and pass legislation on behalf of students of The University of Alabama.

B. Approve the funding recommendations for student activities and programs as proposed by the Financial Affairs Committee within the executive branch of the SGA. The Financial Affairs Committee shall be composed as outlined in Article IV, Section 9, subsection D(2)b of this Constitution.

C. Pass an SGA budget for the fiscal year by no later than September 30th in order for the SGA to be financed.

D. Confirm or reject Executive Council appointments, including Executive Cabinet officials and Executive Council officers appointed to fill vacancies.

E. Select officers of the Senate, set the day and time for meetings of the Senate, and establish and enforce an attendance policy for members of the Senate.

F. Be responsible for approving the allocation of its members among the colleges and schools of The University of Alabama in accordance with this Constitution not later than 45 days prior to the annual SGA elections.

G. Establish a pay scale.

H. Establish legislative committees as needed. The Senate shall maintain the following permanent committees: Committee on Academic Affairs, Committee on External Affairs, Committee on Finance, Committee on Student Affairs, Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Committee on Rule; and Committee on Ethics.

1. Senators elected by special election shall sit on the committee of the Senator they are replacing.

2. Committee chairs will be selected by a vote within committee.

I. Hold special sessions of the Senate. The Senate shall hold special sessions when deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the Senate or when deemed necessary by the SGA President.

J. Participate in the impeachment and removal process as described in Article IX, Section 2, subsection D.

K. Allocate additional money to meet the needs of individual students and student organizations.