Resolution R-08-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

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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 frustration regarding the added expense and inequality that lies therein; now,

*Whereas*: The Academic Affairs Cabinet of the Student Government Association is working with the OIRA to receive answers to the following questions in order to best assess the needs of students:

*Whereas*: These questions include: How many students take over 16 credit hours, how many students taking over 16 hours are on financial aid, and how many are on a full tuition scholarship?

*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.