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A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS TO ALLOW SGA MEMBERS TO FULFILL OFFICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

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

Section 1. Findings:
A. Per the SGA Code of Laws, office hours must be fulfilled in the SGA Office or by doing official SGA business.
B. This, in turn, causes most office hours to be fulfilled by sitting in the SGA office, which does not help SGA, The University of Alabama Community, or the Tuscaloosa area.
C. In order to better exemplify the Capstone Creed, SGA members should have the option to fulfill their office hour requirements with hours doing community service.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Chapter 200 General Procedures for Executive Officers

Chapter 200.1 The Executive Council

Chapter 200.1.1 The Executive Council shall consist of all elected officers and the Chief of Staff.

Chapter 200.1.2 The Executive Council shall enforce the SGA Constitution, legislation of the Senate, and decisions of the Student Judicial Board.
Chapter 200.1.3 The Executive Council shall select the committee chairs for all executive committees and submit these selections to the Senate.

Chapter 200.1.4 The Executive Council shall nominate any replacements that need to be made of SGA executive officers and submit these nominations to the Senate.

Chapter 200.1.5 The Executive Council shall delegate duties to any officer in accordance with that officer’s legally defined responsibilities.

Chapter 200.1.6 The Executive Council shall meet regularly with a 3⁄4 quorum.

Chapter 200.1.7 The Executive Council shall propose legislation to the Student Senate with the support of three-fourths of the Council’s membership.

Chapter 200.2 Vacancies

Chapter 200.2.1 The Executive Council shall nominate a qualified candidate to fill any vacant office, as per the SGA Constitution, Articles III and IV.

Chapter 200.2.2 Any Executive Council vacancy occurring during an academic year shall be filled within two full weeks, Monday through Sunday, of that vacancy.

Chapter 200.3 Office Hours

Chapter 200.3.1 The following shall each serve a minimum of 12 office hours per week: President, Executive Vice President, Vice Presidents, Chief of Staff, and Executive Secretary. Office hours not made during a week may be completed during the preceding week in addition to regularly assigned hours. Office hours that are not completed within 2 weeks of original assignment are then subject to penalization.

Chapter 200.3.2 The following shall each serve a minimum of 6 office hours per week: All executive appointments that serve on the Executive Council shall each serve a minimum of 6 office hours per week. This includes but is not limited to Attorney General, Treasurer, Legislative Secretary, Director of Engagement, Director of Communication, Chief Administrative Officer, and Administrative Assistants. Office hours not made during a week may be completed during the preceding week in addition to regular assigned hours. Office hours that are not completed within 2 weeks of original assignment are then subject to penalization.

Chapter 200.3.3 Office hours must be held in the SGA office, be official SGA business not limited to but including activities approved by the President and Executive Council, or be community service performed in Tuscaloosa or surrounding areas.

Chapter 200.3.4 Office hours will be kept on public record, and will be maintained regularly on the SGA website, by the Executive Secretary.
Chapter 200.3.5 No salary shall be authorized for an officer who has not met his or her minimum office hours.

Chapter 200.4 Salaries

Chapter 200.4.1 Any SGA officer who receives a salary or other type of funding from the SGA must have specific duties defined by either the SGA Constitution or the Code of Laws.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to: Stephanie Shamblin, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Dr. Stuart Bell, The University of Alabama President; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President for Student Life; Rebecca Griesbach, Editor-in-Chief of The Crimson White; Olivia Davis, Speaker of the Senate; Kathryn Hayes, Chief of Staff; Demarcus Joiner, SGA President; Anna Beth Payne, Executive Secretary; Sam Rickert, Vice President for Student Affairs; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.