Agenda for January 28, 2020
Regular Session

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Announcements
   a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement-
      Senator Dylan Brown and Senator Baylee
      Clark

III. Old Business

IV. New Business
   a. Bill B-02-21: A BILL TO ESTABLISH A
      PRO TEMPORE FOR BOTH THE
      SPEAKER AND SECRETARY OF FIRST
      YEAR COUNCIL IN THE SGA CODE OF
      LAWS
   b. Resolution R-02-21: A RESOLUTION
      CALLING UPON THE UNIVERSITY TO
      MAKE EXTENDED ADD/DROP
      PERIOD PERMANENT IN FUTURE
      SEMESTERS
   c. Act A-03-21: AN ACT TO APPROVE THE
      STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING
      REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE
      FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
      FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

V. Adjourn
B-02-21
The University of Alabama
First Year Council
2020-2021

Author: Speaker of First Year Council Brina Harden

Sponsors: Secretary of First Year Council Alexa Crowe, Councilor Saylor Cuzzort, Councilor Clara Blevins, Councilor John Richardson, Councilor Alison Gaston, Councilor Jacob Pickle, Councilor Colby Lewis, Councilor Jahnaya Cosby, Councilor Mary Margaret Drews, Councilor Sarah Beth Corona, Councilor Sarah Mason Avery, Councilor Walter Shelton, Senator Ruth Ann Terry

Endorsements: Jason Rothfarb, Executive Vice President; Caitlyn McTier, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Olivia Davis, Speaker of the Senate; Jack Steinmetz, Senator; Madeline Martin, Senator; Julia Stewart, EVP Director of Academic Affairs; Izzy Boyd, Deputy Director of Disability Services

A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PRO TEMPORE FOR BOTH THE SPEAKER AND SECRETARY OF FIRST YEAR COUNCIL IN THE SGA CODE OF LAWS

Section 1. Findings:
A. The Senate currently has both a Speaker Pro Tempore and a Secretary Pro Tempore in order to allow the Speaker and Secretary to have someone to fill his/her role when presenting legislation at meetings or missing meetings.
B. First Year Council currently has no process for when the Speaker or Secretary presents legislation and since FYC is meant to resemble the Senate, it is only logical that FYC should follow the same process.
C. In addition to allowing the Speaker and Secretary more flexibility to present legislation, adding two more positions in FYC will allow for more leadership opportunities for the many qualified councilors in FYC.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red
Chapter 904 Officers of the First Year Council
**Chapter 904.1** Officers of the First Year Council shall include the Speaker of the First Year Council, the Parliamentarian and the Secretary.

**Chapter 904.2** The Executive Vice President shall preside over the First Year Council prior to the election of the Speaker of the First Year Council.

- **Chapter 904.2.1** The Executive Vice President shall have no vote except to break a tie.
- **Chapter 904.2.2** The Executive Vice President may vote to break a tie in the election of the Speaker of the First Year Council.
- **Chapter 904.2.3** The Executive Vice President may choose to refrain from breaking a tie in order to force further discussion on legislation or the election of the Speaker of First Year Council.
- **Chapter 904.2.4** It is necessary that the Executive Vice President be present to cast a tiebreaking vote.

**Chapter 904.3** The Speaker of First Year Council shall preside over First Year Council immediately upon his or her election during the second session of First Year Council.

- **Chapter 904.3.1** The Speaker of First Year Council shall be elected by a majority fifty percent plus one vote, of First Year Councilors.
- **Chapter 904.3.2** First Year Council may hold a new election for the Speaker of First Year Council if three-fifths of the First Year Council’s voting member support a motion of no confidence in First Year Council’s leadership.

**Chapter 904.4** The Parliamentarian of First Year Council shall advise First Year Council of all matters of parliamentary procedure according to the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order and any rules of order adopted by the SGA Senate. The Parliamentarian may not be a First Year Councilor and may have no vote.

- **Chapter 904.4.1** The Parliamentarian of the First Year Council shall be appointed by the Speaker of the First Year Council.
- **Chapter 904.4.2** The First Year Council shall confirm the appointment of the Parliamentarian by a majority, fifty percent plus one vote, of the First Year Councilors.

**Chapter 904.5** The Secretary of the First Year Council shall:

- **Chapter 904.5.1** Be elected from within the membership of the First Year Council by a majority vote, fifty percent plus one vote, of the First Year Council.
- **Chapter 904.5.2** Prepare legislation for First Year Councilors to review.
- **Chapter 904.5.3** Maintain a record of all proceedings of the First Year Councilors and attendance of its members.

**Chapter 904.6** The First Year Council may petition the Senate for the creation of an administrative staff as seen fit by a majority vote, fifty percent plus one vote, of the Senate.

**Chapter 904.7** The Speaker Pro Tempore and Secretary Pro Tempore shall:

- **Chapter 904.7.1** Be any duly sworn members of First Year Council.
- **Chapter 904.7.2** Be appointed by the Speaker of First Year Council and
the Secretary of First Year Council respectively.

Chapter 904.7.3 Be confirmed by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one) of First Year Council.

Chapter 904.7.4 Fill the role of the Speaker and Secretary when he/she is presenting legislation or not present at a meeting.

Section 3. Copies:
Copies of this bill shall be sent to Demarcus Joiner, SGA President and any other parties deemed necessary at a later date.
Resolution R-02-21
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Authors: Vice President for Academic Affairs Price Dukes, Senator Sullivan Irvine, Senator Amanda Allen

Sponsors: Speaker of the Senate Olivia Davis, Secretary of the Senate Ellie Schulman, Senator Ruth Ann Terry

Endorsers: Demarcus Joiner, SGA President; Will Bradley, Director of Communications

A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE UNIVERSITY TO MAKE EXTENDED ADD/DROP PERIOD PERMANENT IN FUTURE SEMESTERS

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

WHEREAS, The current standard period to add or drop a class from a student’s course schedule (henceforth, “add/drop period”) runs for five class days from the first day of class each semester; and,

WHEREAS, The add/drop period allows students to adjust their course schedules by adding or dropping classes without receiving a “W” withdrawal grade on their college transcript; and,

WHEREAS, The add/drop period was extended in January by nine days for the Spring 2021 semester in response to student need; and,

WHEREAS, The University student body has expressed profound gratitude for the additional time they have been granted to experience their classes and make informed decisions about their schedules; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government Association representatives have long prioritized the adoption of a longer add/drop period at the beginning of each semester; and,

WHEREAS, In a 2019 SGA survey of over 700 UA students, nearly 99% of respondents believed an extension of this deadline was necessary; and,
WHEREAS, Counterpart universities of similar size and academic stature, such as Auburn University, the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Mississippi, Stanford University, and New York University, utilize an add/drop period that allows for at least two full weeks of class before students must determine their permanent schedule for the semester; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association understands the unique circumstances that gave rise to this semester’s extension but believes there are ample benefits to its permanent adoption.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association calls upon The University of Alabama and its Office for Academic Affairs to make permanent the extension of the add/drop period in future semesters, beginning in fall 2021.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association recommends the add/drop period for spring and fall semesters be no less than seven full class days but no more than ten full class days from the first day of classes.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association recommends the add/drop period for summer semester be no less than four full class days but no more than seven full class days from the first day of classes.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association, if these recommendations are adopted, will strive to work with the Office for Academic Affairs to promote the extension of the add/drop period through announcements to the student body.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Dr. Myron L. Pope, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. James T. Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Rona Donahoe, President of The University of Alabama Faculty Senate; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; Rebecca Griesbach, editor-in-chief of The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.
AN ACT TO APPROVE THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

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

Section 1. Findings:
1. The Financial Affairs Committee (FAC) met on October 25, 2021.
2. The committee heard 14 funding requests from 9 organizations before making its decisions.
3. $500.00 was deducted from an organization’s eligible funds due to an overestimation of price.
4. 78.9% of the total requested amount was awarded.

Section 2. Legislation:
1. **THEREFORE, be it resolved,** The Senate approves the following FAC funding requests by SOURCE student organizations for a total award of $17,418.44 with details listed in the Excel sheet attached.
Be it further resolved, that copies of this Act be sent to: Demarcus Joiner, SGA President; Daniel Perkins, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Sherry Phillips, FAC Advisor; Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President for Student Life; Stephanie Shamblin, SGA Advisor; Rebecca Griesbach, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.