Agenda for February 11, 2021
Regular Session

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IV. New Business
   a. Act A-05-21: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN SGA STIPEND
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   c. Resolution R-05-21: A RESOLUTION COMMENDING STUDENT VETERANS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY ON OPERATION IRON RUCK
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V. Adjourn
A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE EXPANSION OF LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES ON CAMPUS

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is an institution of higher learning committed to enhancing the educational environment for students.

WHEREAS, The university is an institution dedicated to supporting all students regardless of background or area of study.

WHEREAS, Living Learning Communities give many students a sense of belonging and a support system to help them throughout their time at the capstone.

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has several Living Learning Communities on campus. (Lucy’s Legacy, Delta Initiative, Blount)

WHEREAS, These Living Learning Communities have proved to be educationally and socially enhancing for participating students.

WHEREAS, There are several Identity based and academically based areas that would be greatly served by having a Living Learning Community. (Ie. First Generation College Student LLC)

THEREFORE, be it resolved, That the University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to look into expanding Living Learning Communities on campus.
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. Christine Taylor, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.
Bill B-03-20
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Authors: Senator Amanda Allen


Endorsements: Hunter Scott, Attorney General; Demarcus Joiner, SGA President; Kathryn Hayes, Chief of Staff; Will Bradley, Director of Communications

A BILL TO UPDATE THE CODE OF LAWS FOR 2021

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

Section 1. Findings:
A. The Attorney General is the keeper of the SGA legal documents and has conducted a review of the Code of Laws.
B. The Attorney General updated the Code of Laws with Bills of the Senate that were successfully passed.
C. The Attorney General and Senator Allen updated the Code of Laws to remove depreciated positions and updated the document to reflect new SGA operational practices.
D. Nothing in Titles IV or VI was changed, as these sections require Student Judicial Board approval. Any edits in these sections reflect previously passed legislation that is just now being updated or grammatical edits not related to content.

Section 2. Legislation:

The SGA Code of Laws shall be updated as reflected in the master Code of Laws Word document distributed to the SGA Senate. Additions, deletions, and revisions are noted in the sidebar of Microsoft Word.

Section 3. Copies:
Copies of this Bill shall be sent to: Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association 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, and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN SGA STIPEND

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

Section 1. The Senate finds the following:

a. Article III Section 7, Subsection G of the SGA Constitution mandates that the Student Senate establish a pay scale.

b. The extensive time commitment from officers within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches often prohibits them from obtaining other employment.

c. For many SGA officers, their weekly time commitment is in significant excess of the 12 office hours per week mandatory minimum for the Executive Council and the 6 office hours per week mandatory minimum for all other positions codified in the SGA Code of Laws.

d. Stipends provide compensation to these officers and other members of SGA to ensure work of the highest standard and allow students with financial need to worry less regarding obtaining outside employment.

e. The SGA Code of Laws, Chapter 200.3.5, states that no salary shall be authorized for an officer who has not met his or her minimum office hours.

f. Chapter 204.1 of the SGA Code of Laws states that in the event that a paid executive officer fails to complete any duty of office, the Executive Secretary will notify the Attorney General, who may halt a monthly payment if an officer does not complete his or her duties.

g. According to C-08-19, the Vice President for Financial Affairs shall “Prepare a pay scale for the upcoming Fiscal Year that will be presented to the incoming officers as their pay scale.”
h. According to C-08-19, “In the event that a position is added, modified, or deleted in the SGA Code of Laws or SGA Constitution, the incoming VPFA will retain the ability to modify the pay scale for that office.”

i. These recommendations are based on research of other Southeastern Conference Student Government stipend periods.

Section 2. The SGA Senate shall establish the following stipend schedule per C-08-19. This stipend schedule shall take effect immediately for the newly elected and duly sworn officers of the Student Government Association in the March 2020 elections:

1. The SGA President shall receive $4,200 total over a period of twelve (12) months and is required to be present and working on campus. If the President will not be present and working on campus during May - August the President shall receive a prorated stipend for September – April equal to $3,150.

2. The following positions shall receive the total amount noted below allocated over a period of twelve (12) months, and are required to be present and working on campus. If any person is not present and working on campus during May - August, the person shall receive a prorated stipend equal to nine (9) months of stipend for the time period of September – April.
   a. Executive Vice President - $3,000 (yearly), $2,250 (prorated)
   b. Vice President Academic Affairs - $3,000 (yearly), $2,250 (prorated)
   c. Vice President External Affairs - $3,000 (yearly), $2,250 (prorated)
   d. Vice President Financial Affairs - $3,000 (yearly), $2,250 (prorated)
   e. Vice President Student Affairs - $3,000 (yearly), $2,250 (prorated)
   f. Vice President for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - $3,000 (yearly), $2,250 (prorated)
   g. Chief Justice - $1,920 (yearly), $1,440 (prorated)

3. The following positions shall receive the total amount noted below allocated over a period of eight (8) months for September – April.
   a. Executive Secretary - $2,250
   b. Chief of Staff - $1,665
   c. Speaker of Senate - $1,440
   d. Attorney General - $765
   e. Treasurer - $765
   f. Director of Communications - $675
   g. Director of Engagement - $675
   h. Director of Programming - $675
   i. Director of Environmental Affairs - $675
   j. Director of Strategic Initiatives - $675
   k. Director of IT and Webmaster - $675
   l. Chief Administrative Officer - $405
o. Press Secretary - $405
p. Chief Advisor to the President - $405

**Section 3: Provision Allowing for the Minor Adjustment:** This legislation shall include a provision allowing modifications regarding the distribution, method of payment, or minor modifications related to the amount of payment, pursuant to Kendra Powell, Associate Director of Business Services for the University Division of Student Life and/or the Vice President for Financial Affairs if deemed necessary to carry out the payment of officers. These modifications, if at all necessary, would be communicated to Senate and would only be required due to errors or changes in University policy regarding the payment of students.

**Section 4: Provision Allowing for the Dissolution of Positions:** This legislation shall include a provision noting that, per the SGA Constitution, “In the event that a position is added, modified, or deleted in the SGA Code of Laws or SGA Constitution, the incoming VPFA will retain the ability to modify the pay scale for that office.”

**Section 5: Distribution of Copies:** Copies of this act be sent to Demarcus Joiner, SGA President; Daniel Perkins, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Angel Narvez-Lugo, Director of Student Governance and Citizenship; Mrs. Kendra Powell, Associate Director for Business Services; all members of the SGA whose positions are to receive a stipend via this Act; and The Crimson White Media Group for informational purposes.
Resolution R-04-21
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Authors: Senator Aidan Clark, Senator Grace Federico


Endorsements: Jillian Fields, Vice President for External Affairs

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE UNIVERSITY CREATE A REQUIRED SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE VIRUAL TRAINING COURSE FOR ALL STUDENTS

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

WHEREAS, according to the Association of American Universities one in four women in the United States are sexually assaulted at some point during their college career; and,

WHEREAS, according to Rainn.org, among undergraduate students, 23.1% of females and 5.4% of males experience rape or sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, The National Sexual Violence Resource Center found that sexual assault victims are 10 times more likely to attempt suicide than those who haven’t experienced sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, members of the LGBTQIA+ community have an equal or higher prevalence of experiencing interpersonal violence and sexual violence compared to self-identified heterosexuals; and,

WHEREAS, The CDC recommends that all colleges and universities provide all students with ongoing sexual violence prevention training; and,
WHEREAS, The AlphaPoint training is not a sufficiently interactive and engaging method of training and education on sexual assault and interpersonal violence specifically; and,

WHEREAS, The AlphaPoint training is only required for new first year and transfer students and cannot be accessed afterwards; and,
WHEREAS, most students do not adequately retain necessary information from training courses taken prior to their first semester; and,

WHEREAS, while The AlphaPoint training is a great resource for first year and transfer students, the entire student body would benefit from an additional online training course taken annually with a focus on sexual violence prevention and the local resources available to students; and,

WHEREAS, over the years, the University, along with SGA, has worked to create several beneficial resources on campus and in the Tuscaloosa community available to victims such as the WGRC services, the Title IX office, the Tuscaloosa SAFE Center, the Counseling Center, the UAct program, the Tuscaloosa SAFE Center anonymous shuttle that utilizes Crimson Ride, Turning Point, ect., yet many students are unaware that these resources exist.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby recommend that The University of Alabama create a campus specific sexual assault prevention and response virtual training course that is required annually for all students to take.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby recommend that this course should aim to educate students on the specific resources available to them in response to sexual assault, rape or interpersonal violence and to prevent sexual assault and rape from occurring to begin with.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby recommend that the training course be developed in collaboration with the Student Government Association, The Title IX office, the WGRC and any other relevant departments or organizations.

Be it further resolved, that the University have this training course prepared before the Fall 2021 semester begins.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association 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, and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.
Resolution R-05-21
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Authors: Speaker of the Senate Olivia Davis

Sponsors: Senator Amanda Allen, Senator Jack Steinmetz, Secretary of the Senate Ellie Schulman, Senator Ruth Ann Terry, Senator Lauren Rouse

Endorsements: Jillian Fields, Vice President for External Affairs

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING STUDENT VETERANS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY ON OPERATION IRON RUCK

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

WHEREAS, 17 to 22 United States veterans die by suicide each day; and,

WHEREAS, this rate is approximately 1.5 times higher than Americans who never served in the military; and,

WHEREAS, student veterans from The University of Alabama and Auburn University have taken action in raising awareness surrounding the issue of veteran suicide; and,

WHEREAS, Operation Iron Ruck is a joint operation between the two schools and occurs during the Iron Bowl week; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, around 30 student veterans made the 150-mile trek from Jordan-Hare Stadium to Bryant-Denny Stadium on foot while carrying 22-pound rucksacks; and,

WHEREAS, the 4-day hike serves to honor those who have fallen victim to the devastating reality of veteran suicide as well as the over 9% of Alabamians who have served in the military.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, The University of Alabama Student Government Association highly commends the efforts of Operation Iron Ruck and the individuals who made the operation a reality.

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; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; Rebecca Griesbach, editor-in-chief of *The Crimson White*; David Blair, Director of the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.
Resolution R-06-21
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Author: Councilor Sarah Beth Corona

Sponsors: Councilor Sarah Mason Avery, Councilor Cason Burroughs,
Councilor AK Cavnar, Councilor Luke Dille, Councilor Lewis Fischer, Councilor Sam Guerrero,
Councilor Ellie Gilmore, Councilor Gabby Odinet, Councilor Jacob Pickle, Councilor Sam
Robson, Councilor Miller Widemire, Senator Jack Steinmetz, Senator Lauren Rouse

Endorsements: Amanda Allen, Senator; Madeline Martin, Senator; Preston McGee, Senator;
Daniel Perkins, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Sam Rickert, Vice President for Student
Affairs; Jason Rothfarb, Executive Vice President

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE DIVISION OF FINANCE AND
OPERATIONS TO CREATE TRANSFER OPTIONS OF DINING DOLLARS AND
BAMA CASH BETWEEN STUDENTS

WHEREAS, students have the ability to pay for food on campus and in the City of Tuscaloosa
using Dining Dollars and/or Bama Cash on their ACT Card.; and

WHEREAS, students cannot transfer Dining Dollars or Bama Cash out of their account or
between one another; and

WHEREAS, students purchase food for one another using ACT Cards and have no means of
paying one another back without using money from personal bank accounts.; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Finance and Operations’ core values include, but are not limited to,
“efficiency” and “continuous improvement.”; and

WHEREAS, the University has implemented a transfer system for sporting event tickets on ACT
Cards, making transfer options available.; and

WHEREAS, students deserve the ability to transfer funds between one another and eliminate the
use of outside funds when unnecessary.; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the First Year Council ask the University of Alabama
Student Government Association to encourage the Division of Finance and Operations to
implement a transfer option between students using funds within the Dining Dollars and Bama Cash accounts.

*Be it further resolved*, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Dr. James Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Jeanine Brooks, Director of Finance and Operations; Lindsey Howard, Associate Director of Finance and Operations; Janiece Dixon, Coordinator of Action Card Services; Jan Cannon, Action Card Manager