Agenda for February 18, 2020
Regular Session

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Announcements
   a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement-Senator Lauren Rouse
   b. Elections Reminders-Angel
   c. Bone Marrow Drive-Sydney Booth

III. Old Business

IV. New Business
   a. Resolution R-07-21: A RESOLUTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA’S ONLINE CLASSES TO OFFER A VIRTUAL INTRODUCTORY CLASS

V. Adjourn
Resolution R-07-21
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Author: Senator Luci Allen

Sponsors: Senator Jack Denning, Senator Adam Rogers, Senator Courtney Lekai, Senator Bran Apgwilym, Secretary of the Senate Ellie Schulman, Senator Colin Marcum

Endorsements: Price Dukes, Vice President for Academic Affairs

A RESOLUTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA’S ONLINE CLASSES TO OFFER A VIRTUAL INTRODUCTORY CLASS

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

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is a premier institution with over 35,000 students and has various academic classes offered through the 13 colleges and schools; and

WHEREAS, during these unpredictable times faculty and staff have adapted to ensure that students maintain access to a high-quality education and are provided the resources necessary to be successful academically; and

WHEREAS, Course instruction modes now vary from online, hybrid, interactive audio/video, and traditional in-person on the main campus; and

WHEREAS, students have expressed concern and request for all online classes to have an introductory class meeting that is held virtually during syllabus week to provide more detailed instruction and information in regards to course expectations.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, The University of Alabama Student Government Association commends the University for their quick action to address the students’ academic needs.
Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association will continue to work with the 13 academic colleges and schools to ensure that a virtual introductory class will be implemented for each online course during syllabus week.

Be it further resolved, these introduction virtual classes will eliminate the immense number of notifications professors send to students about the course layout, requirements, and participation.

Be it further resolved, that students will have the opportunity to meet their professor allowing them to gain a clearer understanding of what is expected of them in their academic course and feel more familiar with course material, content, and structure when communicating with their professor in the future.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. James Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice-President for Student Life; The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Rebecca Griesbach; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.