Agenda for March 11, 2021
Regular Session

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
II. Announcements
   a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement
   b. Vote on Libby Anderson Cater Award
   c. OIT Flyer Distribution
   d. Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive
   e. Riverwalk Service Opportunity
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
   a. Act A-07-21: AN ACT TO APPROVE THE
      STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING
      REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE
      FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
      FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021
   b. Resolution R-09-21: A RESOLUTION FOR
      THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO
      EXPAND STUDENT ACCESS TO THE
      UA COUNSELING CENTER AND TO
      INCREASE COUNSELING CENTER
      FUNDING
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AN ACT TO APPROVE THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

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

Section 1. Findings:
2. The committee heard 26 funding requests from 19 organizations before making its decisions.
3. $500.00 was deducted from 3 organization’s eligible funds due to an overestimation of price.
4. 77.8% 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 $49,541.11 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.
Resolution R-09-21
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2020-2021

Authors: President Demarcus Joiner


Endorsements: Price Dukes, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Will Bradley, Director of Communications; Bailey Lanai, President of UA Students for a National Health Program

A RESOLUTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO EXPAND STUDENT ACCESS TO THE UA COUNSELING CENTER AND TO INCREASE COUNSELING CENTER FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is a premier institution with over 38,000 students that generates over $150 million in revenue in a typical year; and

WHEREAS, the wellbeing of students is one of the university’s highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funding for the UA Counseling Center, per an open records request in fiscal year 2019, was only $1.06 million; and

WHEREAS, student fees are not allocated to the UA Counseling Center for its operational funding; and
WHEREAS, according to the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors, other universities with enrollments between 35,001 and 45,000 students fund their counseling centers an average of $2.41 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is one of only two schools in the Southeastern Conference to charge full-time students for individual counseling sessions; and

WHEREAS, a petition signed by 500 students indicates support for increased counseling center funding; and

WHEREAS, the same petition discussed the elimination of the individual counseling session fee; and

WHEREAS, a survey of over 300 University of Alabama students indicates that the individual counseling session fee may act as a barrier to counseling for those responding to the survey.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, The University of Alabama Student Government Association emphasizes to the University the importance of providing students attainable access to mental health resources on campus.

Be it further resolved, that the University affirm its commitment to student wellness by creating and implementing a plan to increase yearly funding of the counseling center to reach the average level of counseling center funding for comparative flagship universities with similar enrollment sizes.

Be it further resolved, that further research be done to gather data to explore eliminating the individual counseling session fee and further research to support alternative sources or avenues of operational funding in collaboration with the counseling center, the Advisory Council on Wellness, and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

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; Angel Narvez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Dr. Toti Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Greg Vander Wal, Executive Director of the Counseling Center; Rebecca Griesbach, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.