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A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS TO ADD AN OFFICE HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR LOBBY BOARD MEMBERS

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Lobby Board Directors have previously requested that Lobby Board members complete one office hour as a part of their member expectations.
- B. This request is not currently mandated as a duty of Lobby Board members in the Code of Laws.
- C. The addition of an office hour requirement for Lobby Board members to the Code of Laws is crucial for the enforcement of this expectation.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Chapter 1200 Lobby Board

Chapter 1200.1 Lobby Board shall be organized by one (1) or more officials in the SGA External Affairs Cabinet, hereafter to be referred to as the Director(s) of Lobby Affairs.

Chapter 1200.2 Lobby Board shall be a non-partisan group of The University of Alabama students and have the following goals:

Chapter 1200.2.1 Advocate for higher education and funding thereof alongside the Director(s) of Higher Education Day;

Chapter 1200.2.2 Ensure that The University of Alabama student body is politically involved and informed and knows how to have an impact on all levels of government.

Chapter 1200.3 Members of Lobby Board shall be selected through a process managed by the Director(s) of Governmental Relations.

Chapter 1200.4 Members of Lobby Board shall have the following duties:

Chapter 1200.4.1 Establish and remain in constant contact with one (1) or more members of the Alabama State Legislature via email, phone conversation, and in-person meetings as well as conducting Senate writing campaigns;

Chapter 1200.4.1.1 Lobby Board members are expected to utilize a strong base of knowledge of higher education funding in communication with elected officials to advocate for equitable funding for The University of Alabama system from the state legislature.

Chapter 1200.4.2 Work to promote civic involvement and awareness on campus as defined by the SGA President and SGA Vice President for External Affairs;

Chapter 1200.4.3 Ensure that The University of Alabama students are fully aware of opportunities to fulfill their civic duties and have an impact at every level of government.

Chapter 1200.4.4 Each Lobby Board member is obligated to perform one office hour per week for every academic week in which the Lobby Board has convened.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to: Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Dr. Stuart Bell, The University of Alabama President; Dr. Myron Pope, The University of Alabama Vice President for Student Life; Keely Brewer, Editor-in-Chief of The Crimson White; Darius Thomas, Speaker of the Senate; Nathan Yamaguchi, Chief of Staff; Jillian Fields, SGA President; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary; Madeline Martin, Vice President for External Affairs; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date