



**The University of Alabama  
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2021-2022**

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**Agenda for November 11, 2021  
Regular Session**

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Chief Justice

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**Act A-07-21**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Senate 2021-2022**

**Authored By:** Senator Hope Rider

**Sponsored By:** Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator John Richardson, Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Cameron Doyle, Senator John Dodd, Senator Katie Morris, Senator John McLendon, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Deborah Oberkor, Senator Benner Page, Senator Jordan Jones, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Luke Schroeder, Secretary Grace Federico, Senator Lauren Rouse

**Endorsed By:** Jillian Fields, President; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary; Madeline Martin, Vice President of External Affairs; Sid Elkins, Director of IT and Webmaster; Matthew Curl, Chief Justice

**AN ACT TO RECONSTRUCT THE PARKING WITH A PURPOSE FORM**

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

Section 1. Findings:

1. The University of Alabama strongly encourages the student body to be engaged in civic responsibilities, such as paying all University fees relating to on-campus transportation.
2. The Adams Administration passed an Act to create Parking with a Purpose, specifically the academic school year of 2019-2020 to give students the opportunity to work off their parking tickets through serving the Tuscaloosa community.
3. Parking with a Purpose currently offers both a paper and online format.

4. In order to create more organization and transparency, moving the Parking with a Purpose form as a whole to an online only format, specifically a Qualtrics form.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. ***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, the Parking with a Purpose form shall be moved from a paper and online format to strictly an online Qualtrics form.

2. ***Be it further resolved***, the online format will consist of the same steps, personal information, and terms and conditions as currently listed. There will also be a drop box created on the online form that allows you to upload your signed verification of completed community service from the organization's supervisor.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Act be sent to Sid Elkins, Student Government Association Director of IT and Webmaster; Matt Curl, Chief Justice of the Judicial Board; Amy Haines, Associate Director of Parking Services; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Advisor of The University of Alabama; Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association; Nathan Yamaguchi, Chief of Staff; Jack Steinmetz, Vice President of Student Affairs



**Act A-08-21**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Senate 2021-2022**

**Authors:** Senator Hope Rider; Executive Secretary, Colin Marcum

**Sponsors:** Senator CJ Pearson; Senator Taryn Geiger; Speaker Darius Thomas; Senator Ella Kutner; Senator Andrew Bregman; Senator Grant Haidu; Senator Deborah Oberkor; Senator Jennifer Baggett; Senator Benner Page; Senator Mary Kate Grossmann; Senator Sims Johnson; Senator John Dodd; Senator Katie Morris; Senator Lauryn Parker; Senator Ruthanne Carter; Senator John McLendon; Senator Hallie Sara Foster; Secretary Grace Federico; Senator Lauren Rouse

**Endorsements:** Jillian Fields; President, Sam Rickert; Executive Vice President, Jack Steinmetz; Vice President for Student Affairs, Madeline Martin; Amanda Allen, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Vice President for External Affairs, Sullivan Irvine; Vice President for Financial Affairs; Nathan Yamaguchi; Chief of Staff

**AN ACT TO ADD IN THE CODE OF LAWS SPECIFIC OFFICE HOUR  
REQUIREMENTS FOR LAW SCHOOL AND GRADUATE STUDENT  
SENATORS**

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

Section 1. Findings:

1. Currently every member of the Senate is required to achieve their office hours through the SGA office or through external office hours including law school and graduate school senators.

2. The Code of Laws does not currently include an exception for law school and graduate school senators office hour requirements.

3. Due to the large commitment to be a law school or graduate school student, the requirement that office hours must be obtained through physical attendance within the SGA office is not in the best academic interest of those designated senators.

4. In effort to provide these senators with the ability to achieve academic success while maintaining their involvement within The Student Government Association it is necessary that the SGA pursue more appropriate locations for those senators to achieve their monthly office hour requirements.

## Section 2. Findings: Chapter 302.4 Office Hours

Chapter 302.4.1 Each Senator is obligated to perform three office hours per week for every academic week in which the Senate has convened.

Chapter 302.4.2 The Speaker of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate shall be obligated to perform three office hours per week for every academic week in which the Senate has convened.

Chapter 302.4.3 Senators may contribute time spent as any committee meeting, including the meetings of the Financial Affairs Committee, towards the fulfillment of office hours, so long as the time spent in those meetings has been documented.

Chapter 302.4.4 After every four weeks in which the Senate has met, the Secretary of the Senate shall tally the total number of hours completed by each Senator performed during that month.

Chapter 302.4.5 If the average number of office hours is less than three hours per week for Senators or three hours for the officers stated in Chapter 302.4, then the offending Senator shall accrue one unexcused absence.

Chapter 302.4.6 Senators currently enrolled in graduate school or law school who currently serve within a graduate or law school seat may obtain their three office hours within both the SGA office and/or their designated library (ie: Bounds Law Library, Gorgas Library, etc.).

Chapter 302.4.6.1 In the case that a law school or graduate school senator is not available on campus to achieve their office hour requirement an alternate location can be approved through the Executive Secretary (ie: a semester long internship, Co-Op, etc.).

Chapter 302.4.6.2 All law school and graduate school senators must submit their hours using the external office hour form available on the Student Government Association website. If a senator fails to submit their form for the designated week they accrue one unexcused absence.

Section 3. Copies: Copies of this bill shall be sent to: Angel Narvaez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; Alex Howard, Chief of Staff to the Executive Secretary



**Resolution R-27-21**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Senate 2021-2022**

**Authored by:** Senator CJ Pearson

**Sponsored by:** Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Rachel Cordry, Senator Collier Dobbs, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Luke Dille, Senator Abby Ratliff, Senator Henry Boyle, Senator Lauryn Parker, Senator Rebecca Lutonsky, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Sarah Mason Avery, Senator Izzy Talbert, Senator Ruthanne Carter, Senator Cameron Doyle, Senator Charlie Crouse, Senator Hallie Foster, Senator Deborah Oberkor, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator John Richardson, Senator Sims Johnson, Senator Benner Page, Senator Alison Gaston, Secretary Grace Federico, Senator Lauren Rouse, Senator Hope Rider

**Endorsed by:** Madeline Martin, Vice President of External Affairs; Jillian Fields, President;

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF THE “CRIMSON CONNECT’ PROGRAM**

**Whereas,** The state of Alabama is currently ranked 46th in the nation in education, and;

**Whereas,** approximately just 25.5% of Alabamians possess a bachelor’s degree or higher by the age of 25, and;

**Whereas,** according to the U.S. Department of Education, the attainment of a bachelor’s degree leads to median lifetime earnings of an estimated \$2,268,000, as compared to just \$1,304,000 with the attainment of a high school diploma, and;

**Whereas,** according to the Gates Foundation and their research, the attainment of post-secondary education “creates a multigenerational cycle of prosperity powerful enough to push aside cycles of poverty”; now,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourage the creation of “Crimson Connect”, a road tour style program - that will expose at-risk high school students to the merits and benefits of the college experience and the opportunities uniquely available to them here at the Capstone - right within the walls of their own middle and high schools

**Be it further resolved**, that the Student Government Association will seek to partner with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Avanti Team, and other campus partners in the fulfillment of this endeavor.

**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; Angel Narvarez Lugo; Rick Funk, Director of Undergraduate Admissions; Keely Brewer, Editor-in-Chief of *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.





**Resolution R-28-21**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Senate 2021-2022**

**Authored by:** Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator CJ Pearson, Vice President of Student Affairs Jack Steinmetz

**Sponsored by:** Senator Collier Dobbs, Senator John McLendon, Senator Luke Schroeder, Senator Grayson Shook, Senator Sims Johnson, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Hallie Foster, Senator Katie Morris, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Deborah Oberkor, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator John Dodd, Senator Lauryn Parker, Senator Cameron Doyle, Senator Rachel Cordry, Senator Charlie Parse, Senator Rebecca Rose Lutonsky, Senator John Richardson, Senator Alison Gaston, Senator Benner Page, Senator Izzy Talbert, Senator Sarah Beth Corona, Secretary Grace Federico, Senator Lauren Rouse

**Endorsed by:** Vice President of Academic Affairs, Amanda Allen; Director of First Year Council, Will Bradley; Executive Vice President, Sam Rickert; Speaker of the Senate, Darius Thomas; Executive Secretary, Colin Marcum;

**A RESOLUTION HONORING LUKE ‘FLUFFOPOTAMUS’ RATLIFF AND  
COMMENDING ALABAMA BASKETBALL FOR THEIR EFFORTS**

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

**Whereas,** Luke ‘Fluffopotamus’ Ratliff was a dedicated Alabama Basketball fan and leader of the student support group Crimson Chaos; and

**Whereas,** Luke attended forty four of Alabama’s final forty five conference or postseason basketball games -- home and away; and

**Whereas,** Luke became a popular figure among fans the past four seasons, showing up hours before tip-off to set up the student section; and

**Whereas,** His genuine kindness and love for Alabama Basketball will be missed by his family, friends, and peers; and

**Whereas,** The University of Alabama Basketball team will present a plaid sport coat to the new leader of the Crimson Chaos in Luke's honor; and

**Whereas,** Luke 'Fluffopotamus' Ratliff will forever be remembered by the students, players, and coaches that he served as leader of the Crimson Chaos; and

**THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,** the Student Government Association extends our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends, and applauds the Alabama Basketball team for their memorialization of Luke.

**Be it further resolved,** that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Mr. & Ms. Ratliff; 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; Angel Narvarez Lugo; Keely Brewer, Editor-in-Chief of *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Resolution R-29-21**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Senate 2021-2022**

**Authors:** Senator Cameron Doyle; Senator Benner Page; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President; Amanda Allen, Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Sponsors:** Senator Ella Canalizo Kutner, Senator Charlie Crouse, Senator John Richardson, Senator Lauren Rouse

**Endorsements:** Dr. Luoheng Han, Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Madeline Martin, Vice President for External Affairs; Lauren Gilonske, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary; Jack Steinmetz, Vice President for Student Affairs; Jillian Fields, SGA President

**A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE POSTING OF SIXTY PERCENT OF  
CLASS GRADES BY THE “W” DROP DATE**

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

*WHEREAS*, The last day for students to drop a course, better known as the “W” drop date, is the last opportunity for students to drop a course with a grade of “W;” and

*WHEREAS*, A grade of “W” does not affect students’ GPAs or give students any credit for the dropped course; and

*WHEREAS*, Students take advantage of dropping a course because it provides the opportunity to retake the course in the future without suffering the consequences of a low grade; and

*WHEREAS*, The consequences of a low or failing grade include the loss of scholarship or financial aid benefits, the inability to complete a four-year graduation plan, and many more devastating effects; and

*WHEREAS*, The “W” drop date is on the tenth out of the fifteenth week in the semester, or approximately two-thirds into the semester; and

*WHEREAS*, Students cannot be expected to make a wise and well-informed decision of whether to drop a class without sufficient posted grades, specifically at least sixty percent of their total grade, to determine their standing in a class at the time of the “W” drop date; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama already encourages the faculty use of recently updated Blackboard Learn for both the posting of assignments and grades.

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association highly encourages The University of Alabama faculty to post at least sixty percent of total grades in Blackboard Learn to aid students in their decision making of whether to drop a class by the “W” drop date.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be sent to:

Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Dr. Stuart R. 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; Dr. Luoheng Han, Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Darius Thomas, Speaker of the Senate; Nathan Yamaguchi, Chief of Staff; Jillian Fields, SGA President; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President; Amanda Allen, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Bill B-08-21**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Senate 2021-2022**

**Authors:** Executive Vice President Sam Rickert, Senator Sims Johnson

**Sponsors:** Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Lauren Rouse

**Endorsements:** Will Bradley, Director of First Year Council; Will Stiers, Assistant Director of First Year Council

**A BILL TO INCREASE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN FIRST YEAR  
COUNCIL**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The opportunity to serve in a leadership role within First Year Council provides Councilors with valuable experience for future leadership roles both within SGA and elsewhere on campus at The University of Alabama.
- B. The role of First Year Council Speaker has traditionally only been fulfilled by one single student for the entirety of the FYC term, limiting opportunities for other students to learn leadership skills such as parliamentary procedure.
- C. Leadership opportunities within FYC also consist of committee membership and committee leadership roles. These roles have also traditionally been served on a term-long basis with no rotation.
- D. Committees within FYC align with focus areas of both SGA Senate and the Student Government Association at large. Thus, greater exposure to a variety of committees increases a Councilors' awareness of and experience with SGA issue areas.

Section 2. Legislation: **changes in red**

## **Chapter 902 Powers and Duties of the First Year Council**

**Chapter 902.1** The First Year Council shall develop and pass legislation on the behalf of students of the University of Alabama, particularly students of the first-year class.

**Chapter 902.2** The First Year Council shall be divided into rotating committees, each led by a committee chair. Committees shall be the Rules Committee, Student Affairs Committee, External Affairs Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Financial Affairs Committee, Internal Affairs Committee, Ethics Committee and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

## **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 Term I 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 Term I 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 Term I 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 **Term I** Speaker of First Year Council shall be elected by a majority, fifty percent plus one vote, of First Year Councilors.

**Chapter 904.3.2** The aforementioned voting process shall repeat itself to elect a Term II Speaker of First Year Council and Term III Speaker of First Year Council.

**Chapter 904.3.3** A “Term” in First Year Council shall be equal to the length of time of one-third of First Year Council’s meetings throughout the school year.

**Chapter 904.3.4** A Councilor who has previously served as a Speaker of First Year Council, regardless of Term, shall not be allowed to be elected to the position for an additional term.

**Chapter 904.3.5** First Year Council may hold a new election for **any** Speaker of First Year Council if three-fifths of the First Year Council’s voting members support a motion of no confidence in First Year Council’s leadership.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Jillian Fields, SGA President; Will Bradley, Director of First Year Council; Angel Narzaez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.