



**The University of Alabama
26th Student Senate
2021-2022**

**Agenda for February 10, 2022
Regular Session**

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
 - a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement- John Richardson and Alison Gaston
 - b. Confirmation of Treasurer and Director of Communications
- III. New Business
 - a. Resolution R-10-22 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING UA DINING FACILITIES TO RETURN TO PRE-COVID HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
 - b. Resolution R-11-22 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO PROVIDE A LIVING WAGE FOR STUDENT AND CAMPUS EMPLOYEES
 - c. Resolution R-12-22 A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO REMOVE BIBB GRAVES'S NAME FROM LUCY-GRAVES HALL
 - d. Resolution R-13-22 A RESOLUTION SHOWING STUDENT SUPPORT OF UA SECURITY CARS TO PATROL OPEN UA PARKING DECKS AFTER NIGHTFALL
 - e. Act A-02-22 AN ACT TO APPROVE THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022



Resolution R-10-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authored by: Senator CJ Pearson, Senator Charlie Crouse, Senator Andrew Bregman

Sponsored by: Senator Collier Dobbs, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Will Goodloe, Senator Mary Kate Grossman, Senator Aaron Wilkes, Senator Ruthanne Carter, Senator John McLendon, Senator Izzy Talbert, Senator Grayson Shook, Senator Jordan Jones, Senator Hope Rider, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator Abby Ratliff, Secretary Grace Federico

Endorsed by: Amanda Allen, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary;

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING UA DINING FACILITIES TO RETURN TO PRE-COVID HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

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

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lakeside Dining and other on-campus dining facilities offered a variety of late night dining options including and up to as late as 1:00am, and;

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, UA Dining Services were forced to modify their hours of operation in an effort to effectively reduce the spread, and;

WHEREAS, however, in recent months, numerous scientific breakthroughs have led to the emergence of several vaccines that have been used to effectively mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and its most damaging effects, and;

WHEREAS, there has been significant interest voiced by the student body to return UA Dining to its pre-COVID hours of operations in an effort to expand the availability and accessibility of budget friendly late-night dining options, and;

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama Student Government Association commends UA Dining and its partners for its upcoming late night dining event, which will be held on February 17, 2022, as a potential precursor for the full return of UA Dining's pre-COVID late night dining hours of operations.

THEREFORE, *be it resolved*, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association commend UA Dining and Aramark Inc. for their recent efforts to facilitate the return of late night dining options within on-campus dining facilities and encourage the full-return of said hours during the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year, if not possible earlier

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; Kristina Patridge, Director, University Dining Service; Cory Hardesty, Residential Food Service Director, Lakeside Dining Keely Brewer, Editor-in-Chief of *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-11-22
The University of Alabama
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Authored By: Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Drew St. Charles

Sponsored By: Senator John Dodd; Senator Andrew Bregman; Senator Hallie Foster; Senator John McLendon; Senator Sarah Beth Corona; Senator Jordan Jones; Senator Izzy Talbert; Senator Aaron Wilkes; Senator Deborah Oberkor; Secretary Grace Federico

Endorsed By Lauren Gilonske, SGA Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Students for Fair Labor; UA College Democrats; UA Generation Action; Kaila Pouncy, Tide Against Time President;

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO PROVIDE A
LIVING WAGE FOR STUDENT AND CAMPUS EMPLOYEES**

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

WHEREAS, Currently, the University of Alabama does not have a set minimum wage for campus employees and uses the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 or \$7.50 for a majority of starting student and campus employees; and

WHEREAS, The living wage for a single adult with no children in Tuscaloosa is \$14.55 an hour (MIT Wage Calculator), making most employment positions insufficient to meet minimum living subsistence; and

WHEREAS, Current wage standards require campus employees to find second jobs and balance living standards, preventing a focus on professional and personal growth, and

WHEREAS, Student employment opportunities offer many opportunities to some 2,500 students, including increased access to campus, jobs built with student's schedules in mind, consistent

hours, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama provides employment to a large population of Tuscaloosa locals, and the Tuscaloosa community had a poverty rate of 24% in 2019, 11% higher than the national average (Data USA); and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is committed to its community reaching its greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, Comparable Universities, including Auburn University and the University of Alabama in Birmingham, have raised the minimum wage to \$14.50 for campus workers, placing the University of Alabama at a competitive disadvantage in the hiring and enrollment processes; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University had 12,000 employees (5,300 full-time), in comparison to the University of Alabama's 7,065 (full-time numbers not available), and that Auburn's personnel expenses increased by \$35.9 million (6.36%). This means that it would cost UA roughly \$21 million to implement this change among campus workers, seeing as Auburn increased their wages at the same levels as we would; and

WHEREAS, Current wage standards are not sufficient to maintain competition against off-campus employers, siphoning research talent from University employment positions and limiting growth as an Elite Research Institution (R1 Carnegie Classification); and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has the opportunity to be a pioneer in raising the minimum wage for all campus and student workers, providing a recruiting advantage; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has the means to increase wages through the University of Alabama System Board and its \$61,796,881 unrestricted net position (2019-2020 UA Annual Financial Report); NOW

THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED*, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for the University of Alabama raising its minimum wage to \$14.50 for all full-time campus employees, contingent upon no workers losing their job due to a wage increase.

Be it further resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association

expresses its support for the University of Alabama raising its minimum wage to \$14.50 for all student employees, contingent upon no workers losing their job due to a wage increase.

Be it further resolved, that UA look into the feasibility of receiving more state appropriations to fund some of this initiative, seeing as Auburn and other college campuses received more appropriations in the Fiscal Year they initiated the wage increase

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President of Student Life; Matthew Fajack, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Dr. Russell J. Mumper, Vice President of Research and Economic Development; Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Dr. Steven Hood, Senior Associate Vice President; Chapman Greer, Faculty Senate President; Dr. Stacy Jones, Interim Dean of Students; Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Donald Elswick, Executive Director in the Director's Office; Keely Brewer, Editor-In-Chief of The Crimson White; Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association; Chapman Greer, President of Faculty Senate; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of the Student Government Association; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Well-being; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-12-22
The University of Alabama
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Authored By: Senator John Dodd, Senator Paige Hoss, Senator Jordan Jones

Sponsored By: Senator Hallie Foster, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Mary Kate Grossmann, Senator Katie Morris, Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Jenna Berkower, Senator Collier Dobbs, Senator Lauren Rouse, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Jacob Gifford, Secretary Grace Federico

Endorsed By: Lauren Gilonske, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary, Black Student Union, The Kappa Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., The Lambda Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., The Theta Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO REMOVE BIBB GRAVES'S NAME FROM LUCY-GRAVES HALL

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

WHEREAS, In June 2020, The University of Alabama established the Building Names Working Group to, “conduct a comprehensive review of named buildings... relative to the system’s fundamental shared values including diversity, inclusion, and respect”; and,

WHEREAS, The Board has made the decision to rename several buildings, including completely renaming A.B. Moore Hall, which was originally named for the 16th Governor of Alabama, to Wade Hall in honor of the first Black faculty member, Archie Wade; and,

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2022, The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees voted in action to rename the academic building formerly known Bibb Graves Hall to Lucy-Graves Hall; and,

WHEREAS, The individuals being honored by the renaming of this building are Aurtherine Lucy Foster and Bibb Graves; and,

WHEREAS, Aurtherine Lucy Foster is an American activist who was the first African-American student to attend The University of Alabama in 1956; and,

WHEREAS, Bibb Graves, who served as the 38th Governor of Alabama, was a former officer of the radical white supremacist organization, the Ku Klux Klan; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama strives to be a pristine institution that is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all members of its community; and,

WHEREAS, The decision to continue to memorialize a former white supremacist by The University of Alabama is tone-deaf and creates an unsafe environment for members of our community; and,

WHEREAS, The attempt made by The University of Alabama to honor Bibb Graves on the same building as Autherine Lucy Foster is insensitive and disappointing; and,

THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED*, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association overwhelmingly supports the removal of Bibb Graves's name from Lucy-Graves Hall

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President of Student Life; Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Dr. Steven Hood, Senior Associate Vice President; Dr. Stacy Jones, Interim Dean of Students; Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Donald Elswick, Executive Director in the Director's Office; Keely Brewer, Editor-In-Chief of The Crimson White; Chapman Greer, President of Faculty Senate; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of the Student Government Association; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Well-being.



Resolution R-13-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Senator Jenna Elizabeth Berkower

Sponsors: Senator Izzy Talbert, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Nate Fulmer, Senator Rebecca- Rose Lutonsky, Senator Will Goodloe, Senator Lauren Rouse, Senator Ruthanne Carter, Senator John Dodd, Senator CJ Pearson, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Andrew Bregman, Secretary Grace Federico

Endorsements:

**A RESOLUTION SHOWING STUDENT SUPPORT OF UA SECURITY CARS TO
PATROL OPEN UA PARKING DECKS AFTER NIGHTFALL**

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama works diligently to provide a safe environment for Students on the University campus.

WHEREAS, Students commute to and from academic and residential buildings at various times throughout the day.

WHEREAS, the parking decks have a lack of security that allows for potential threats to student safety, especially because the parking decks are open to the public after 5pm.

WHEREAS, the safety of students is an essential concern of the Student Government Association.

THEREFORE, *be it resolved*, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association shows their support for the University of Alabama to provide security guards in vehicles patrolling the decks after nightfall.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama, Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President of Student Life, Jillian Fields, President of The Student Government Association, Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of The Student Government Association, Chris D'Esposito, Executive Director of Transportation Services, and Chief John Hooks, The University of Alabama Police Department Chief of Police.



Act A-02-22
The University of Alabama
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Authors: Sullivan Irvine, Vice-President of Financial Affairs; Senator Benner Page

Sponsors: Senator Luke Schroeder, Senator Cameron Doyle, Senator Katie Morris, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator Will Goodloe, Senator Deborah Oberkor, Senator Grayson Shook

Endorsements: Jill Fields, President; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice-President; Amanda Allen, Vice-President of Academic Affairs; Jack Steinmetz, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Madeline Martin, Vice-President of External Affairs; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary; Lauren Gilonske, Vice-President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Nathan Yamaguchi, Chief of Staff

**AN ACT TO APPROVE THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUESTS
SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2022**

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

Section 1. Findings:

1. The Financial Affairs Committee met on February 7, 2022.
2. The committee heard 30 requests from 26 organizations before making its decisions.
3. \$8,247.58 was deducted from organizations' requested amount due to the funding price cap of \$7,500.00 per organization per fiscal year, merchandise and beverages not being allowed for funding, and the \$500 individual traveler cap per fiscal year. Furthermore, several requests were evaluated and the committee is pushing their requests to the next funding period due to the event not being in the next 60 days.
4. 80.86% of the total amount of eligible funds requested were awarded to organizations.
5. 73.18% 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 \$63,941.86 with details listed in the Excel sheet attached.

2. ***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Myron Pope, Vice-President for Student Life; Dr. Ruperto Perez; Sherry Phillips, FAC Advisor; Rebecca Griesbach, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; Angel Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor