



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

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**Agenda for February 17, 2022
Regular Session**

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
 - a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement-
John McLendon and Luke Dille
- III. New Business
 - a. Resolution R-14-22 A RESOLUTION TO
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CRIMSON CLOSET
 - b. Bill B-02-22 A BILL TO AMEND THE
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF THE
SENATE
 - c. Bill B-03-22 A BILL TO RECORD THE
AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN DONATIONS
ISSUED BY STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS IN SGA ELECTIONS
 - d. Bill B-04-22 A BILL TO AMEND THE
SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS
TO MAINTAIN SENATE VOTING
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ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA TO ADOPT A LIVING WAGE



Resolution R-14-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Senator Lauryn Parker, Senator Hope Rider

Sponsored by: Sullivan Irvine, Amanda Allen, Samuel Rickert

Endorsed by: Senator Cameron Doyle, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Alison Gaston, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Sarah Beth Corona, Senator John McLendon, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Benner Page, Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Kate Morris, Senator Luke Schroeder

**A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE A DONATION DRIVE SUPPORTING THE CAREER
CENTER CRIMSON CLOSET**

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama Student Government Association works to create a donation drive to provide professional clothing items for the Crimson Closet

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama Student government will enact a promotional initiative to incentive students to donate professional attire to the Crimson Closet

WHEREAS, There are students within the student body willing and wanting to donate their professional attire to provide more variety of options to students

WHEREAS, Students wanting to provide their clothing to the Crimson Closet will be placed into a raffle system for the potential to earn an allotment of Bama Cash

WHEREAS, the clothes donated to the drive need to be dry cleaned prior to the drop off

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association Senate encourages The University of Alabama Student Government Association office located in 2617 Student Center to implement a donation drive supporting the Crimson Closet, thus in return supporting the students of UA and their professional development.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be enacted by the end of Spring 2022.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Myron L. Pope, Vice-President for Student Life; Angel Narvaez Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Darius Thomas, Grace Federico, Collin Marcum, Executive Secretary; Trinity Hunter; Jillian Fields, President of Student Government Association; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-02-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authored by: Senator Drew St. Charles

Sponsored by: Senator John Dodd, Senator Rachel Cordry, Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Katie Morris

Endorsed by:

A BILL TO AMEND THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF THE SENATE

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

Section 1. The Senate finds the following:

- A. Statistics on pieces of legislation passed by the 26th Senate of the University of Alabama Student Government Association (2021-2022), not including those sent to committee, provide the following results:
 - a. Endorsements by members of Student Government Association display a highly significant positive impact on the outcome of Senate legislation
 - b. Endorsements by organizations/students outside of SGA display a less significant, but negative effect on the outcome of legislation
 - c. When lumped together by total endorsements, the results essentially empirically show that endorsements have no impact on the outcome of legislation, which can be traced back to the addition of a considerably smaller group of non-SGA endorsers
 - d. The average amount of SGA endorsements on legislation is 4.5, while the average amount of Non-SGA endorsements is only 0.5
 - e. The results show that the Senate has failed to adequately involve student organizations, a strong lobbying branch of the student body, in the legislative process this year

- B. Student organizations possess elements of expertise that are essential to keeping the Senate informed on certain topics
- C. Political theory notes that lobbying is an essential component of any democracy, as it permits more constituent oversight over electorally-accountable public officials, which we operate as in this form of Student Government, which is built on democratic ideals
- D. Appropriate changes must be made so that the Senate and its processes are equitably accessible to students for the coming year

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

Chapter 300 Committees

Chapter 300.1 The Senate will maintain the Committee on Academic Affairs, the Committee on Oversight, the Committee on External Affairs, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Resolutions, and the Committee on Student/**Student Organization** Affairs.

Chapter 300.1.1 The Academic Affairs Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.1.1 Represent the University of Alabama student body in academic affairs.

Chapter 300.1.1.2 Seek opinions from the student body, faculty and administration regarding issues of academic policy.

Chapter 300.1.1.3 Receive and analyze senate legislation regarding academic affairs.

Chapter 300.1.1.4 Make recommendations to the Student Senate regarding academic policy legislation.

Chapter 300.1.1.5 Work with Student Government Association Executive Council, specifically the Vice President of Academic Affairs and his/her cabinet.

Chapter 300.1.2 The Senate Finance Committee's duties and composition shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.2.1 The review of legislation dealing with Student Government Association program funding.

Chapter 300.1.2.2 The review of the Student Government Association Pay Scale.

Chapter 300.1.2.3 The review of the annual Student Government Association budget.

Chapter 300.1.2.4 The approval of financial allocations to individual students and student organizations as outlined by the Student Government Association Constitution.

Chapter 300.1.2.5 The dealing with any other financial issues so designated by the Student Government Association

Chapter 300.1.2.6 The participation in Financial Affairs Committee meetings as designated by the Student Government Association Constitution.

Chapter 300.1.2.7 Review all projects whose costs exceeds \$700.

Chapter 300.1.2.8 The Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance shall review any SGA expenditure in excess of \$1,000.00.

Chapter 300.1.2.8.1 Upon the request of any Senator, the chair of the Senate Committee on Finance must present in writing the findings of this review to the Senate upon its completion.

Chapter 300.1.2.8.2 This review shall include the power to initiate a Bill to disallow the expenditure, which must be upheld by a majority vote of the Senate.

Chapter 300.1.2.8.3 This review shall include the power to officially recommend further investigation by the SGA Attorney General.

Chapter 300.1.2.9 Work with Student Government Association Executive Council, specifically the Vice President of Financial Affairs and his/her cabinet.

Chapter 300.1.3 The Resolutions Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.3.1 Handling issues that commend faculty, staff and students for enhancing various aspects of The University of Alabama.

Chapter 300.1.3.2 Deals with issues that express urgency for action to take place at the University of Alabama dealing with: Student Opinion, Campus Safety, and Student/Faculty Relations.

Chapter 300.1.4 The Rules Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.4.1 Enforcing and monitoring the standing rules of the Student Senate.

Chapter 300.1.4.2 Review of any Acts originating in the First Year Council.

Chapter 300.1.4.3 Reviewing and recommending bills to set standards, guidelines and rules for the Student Senate.

Chapter 300.1.5 The Student Affairs Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.5.1 Dealing with issues that encourage student development outside of the classroom and support the Academic mission of the University of Alabama.

Chapter 300.1.5.2 Student Policy, Student Opinion, Student Relations, and concerns dealing with life outside of academics.

Chapter 300.1.5.3 Work with Student Government Association Executive Council, specifically the Vice President of Student Affairs and his/her cabinet.

Chapter 300.1.5.4 Provides an official branch of communication within the Senate with any students/student organizations interested in legislation or a legislative topic, while providing resources or references within SGA that may be helpful to those organizations

Chapter 300.1.5.5 Maintains a directory of student organization contact information, which is accessible to Senators in the event they would like to get in contact with that organization

Chapter 300.1.6 The External Affairs Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.6.1 Handling issues that pertain to matters outside of The University of Alabama.

Chapter 300.1.6.2 Receive and analyze Senate legislation regarding external affairs.

Chapter 300.1.6.3 Represent the University of Alabama student body in external affairs.

Chapter 300.1.6.4 Work with Student Government Association Executive Council, specifically the Vice President of External Affairs and his/her cabinet.

Chapter 300.1.7 The Oversight Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.7.1 Enforcing the Senate's attendance policy.

Chapter 300.1.7.2 Hearing of any ethical issues which may arise due to the actions of Senate members.

Chapter 300.1.7.3 Issuing penalties to Senate members for ethical infractions, when necessary.

Chapter 300.1.7.4 Receive after-action reports of projects executed by the Executive and/or Judicial branches, and presenting resolutions to the Senate floor for adopting such reports.



Bill B-03-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authored by: Senator Drew St. Charles

Sponsored by: Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Aaron Wilkes, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator John Richardson, Senator Hallie Sara Foster

Endorsed by:

**A BILL TO RECORD THE AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN DONATIONS ISSUED BY
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN SGA ELECTIONS**

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

Section 1. The Senate finds the following:

- A. Currently, campaign contributions by student organizations are not recorded or tallied outside of inclusion in the financial disclosure form
- B. There are hundreds of student organizations on campus, varying in budget and membership
- C. The large variance in budgets between organizations could lead towards some student organizations having much more spending power in SGA elections
- D. It is common for democratic institutions to record and make publicly available all political or campaign contributions
- E. It is important to analyze and record data on which groups on campus are the most civically engaged, as is commonly done at the local, state, and federal levels
- F. Lack of data gathered on the subject has prevented the ability to see if there are any patterns or trends in campaign donations

G. It would be very simple and cost nothing to start recording the amount donated by different student organizations each year

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

Chapter 702 Campaign Procedures

Chapter 702.1 Candidates shall maintain records describing the amount and source of campaign funds and other contributions.

Chapter 702.2 Such records shall be filed with the Elections Board each week.

Chapter 702.3 Campaign spending shall not exceed limits set by the Elections Board.

Chapter 702.4 The Elections Board and SGA shall keep publicly accessible records of the funds donated to SGA campaigns by student organizations

Chapter 702.5 The SGA Office and all SGA functions not expressly intended as election campaigning activities shall be considered neutral ground, and campaigning is strictly forbidden.



Bill B-04-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Senator Justin McCleskey

Sponsors: Senator Rachel Cordry; Senator Katie Morris; Senator John Dodd; Senator Drew St. Charles; Senator Aaron Wilkes

Endorsements:

**A BILL TO AMEND THE SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO MAINTAIN
SENATE VOTING TRANSPARENCY**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Robert's Rules of Order are intended as a generalized debate guideline that can be adapted to best meet the needs of the legislative body.
- B. In-person accessibility at Senate Meetings are limited to 65 individuals, requiring students to rely on online viewing once that limit is reached. Further, other individuals require online viewing because of disability, location, and time.
- C. Current senate voting procedures are not accessible to those viewing online since they cannot identify all individuals when voting by raised hand or audibly as a group.
- D. Senators, elected by students, are expected to serve the student body, which can be amplified by public voting records.
- E. Default roll call voting is accessible to both in-person and online viewers, affording a more transparent voting procedure that viewers can follow.

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

Chapter 501 Special Rules of the Senate Chapter

501.1 When the Senate is in session, the Senate shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and any additional rules that the Senate may adopt.

Chapter 501.2 Amending the Rules of the Senate Chapter

501.2.1 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be superseded by any special rule of order that the Senate may adopt, but must be adopted under the requirements of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised via a bill.

Chapter 501.2.2 The special rules of the Senate will be recorded in Chapter 501.

Chapter 501.3 All members shall have as much time as they may consume to express their remarks during general debate (outside of closing remarks) and during technical question sessions.

Chapter 501.4 During second readings after consideration by one or more Senate committees, legislation can have the following recommendations:

Chapter 501.4.1 Receive a favorable recommendation—a majority of Senate committee members present vote for a favorable recommendation.

Chapter 501.4.2 Receive an unfavorable recommendation—a majority of Senate committee members present vote for an unfavorable recommendation.

Chapter 501.4.3 Receive no recommendation—a majority of Senate committee members present vote to give no recommendation.

Chapter 501.4.4 Be tabled—a majority of Senate committee members present vote for tabling the legislation for further review.

Chapter 501.4.5 Legislation may be taken from the table in a Senate committee by a majority vote of committee members present.

Chapter 501.5 Proxies

Chapter 501.5.1 For the purposes of this chapter, a proxy is hereby defined as a member

of the student body who is designated by a member of the Senate to voice the opinions of the represented Senator and to cast votes on legislation in the absence of said Senator.

Chapter 501.5.1.1 A Senator may not serve as a proxy for another Senator.

Chapter 501.5.1.2 A proxy may only represent one Senator at a time. Chapter 501.5.2 A proxy shall carry on their persons written or electronic documentation stating that the student is authorized to represent the Senator, and must bear the authorization of the Senator whom the proxy is representing.

Chapter 501.5.3 A proxy shall be able to vote on all business before the Senate in place of the Senator they are representing, including voting on all legislation, motions, and confirmations.

Chapter 501.5.3.1 A proxy shall not be able to speak without unanimous consent of the Senate.

Chapter 501.5.3.2 A proxy shall not be able to make or second motions or make points of order, information, inquiry, or privilege.

Chapter 501.5.4 Proxies shall count towards quorum.

Chapter 501.5.5 The names of all proxies along with which Senator they proxied for shall be published with the minutes of each Senate meeting.

Chapter 501.6 Closing Remarks Period

Chapter 501.6.1 Following the conclusion of Pro-Con debate, the author of the legislation will be granted an optional period for concluding remarks lasting no longer than a minute and a half

Chapter 501.6.2 To indicate intent to deliver concluding remarks, the author must ask for “permission to deliver concluding remarks” after Pro-Con debate has ended.

Chapter 501.6.3 The Speaker of the Senate has the authority to rule a concluding remarks period dilatory per only the following instances written below.

Chapter 501.6.3.1 The Speaker of the Senate may rule a concluding remarks period dilatory if it is clear in their eyes that no points have been brought up which may need further elaboration or clarification on behalf of the author

Chapter 501.6.3.2 The Speaker of the Senate may additionally rule a concluding remarks period as dilatory in the interest of time if the number of pro speeches outnumber the amount of con speeches by at least five

Chapter 501.6.3.3 If a Senator disagrees the decision to rule the period dilatory, they may motion to reconsider, and this will proceed to a vote by voice acclamation given a second from another Senator. In order to be reconsidered, the vote must pass by simple majority

Chapter 501.7 Senate Voting Procedures

Chapter 501.7.1 All senate legislation shall be voted on via roll call vote.

Chapter 501.7.1.1 The Secretary of the Senate shall submit all roll call vote results, along with the corresponding Yea/Nay/Abstention vote of each present senator, to The Crimson White Media Group, WVUA, and any other registered student media organization that submits a request prior to or in the day following each respective senate meeting or special session. This task shall be completed within 5 calendar days following each meeting of the senate.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Jillian Fields, SGA President; Katie Beth Crowe, SGA Attorney General; Matthew Curl, SGA Chief Justice; Darius Thomas, Speaker of the Senate; Nathan Yamaguchi, SGA Chief of Staff; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; The Crimson White and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-15-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authored By: Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Drew St. Charles

Sponsored By: Senator Jordan Jones; Senator Jenifer Baggett; Senator Rachel Cordry; Senator Katie Morris; Senator Lauren Rouse; Senator Aaron Wilkes; Senator John Dodd; Senator Mary Kate Grossman;

Endorsed By: United Campus Workers of Alabama; UA College Democrats; Students for Fair Labor; UA Generation Action, Graduate Student Association; Jessica Nunes, President of GradSWE; Kaila Pouncy, President of Tide Against Time

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO ADOPT A
LIVING WAGE**

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 \$38 million to implement this change among campus and student 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 adopting a living wage 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 adopting a living wage for all campus and 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; Dr. 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.