



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

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

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Chief Justice

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
  - a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission  
Statement- Justin McCleskey and Jenna Berkower
- III. New Business
  - a. Resolution R-17-22 A **JOINT  
RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE  
AND LEGACY OF DR. AUTHERINE  
LUCY FOSTER**



**Resolution R-14-22  
The University of Alabama  
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**Authors:** Senator Jordan Jones; Senator Justin McCleskey; Senator John Dodd; Senator Jennifer Baggett

**Sponsors:** Senator Nate Fulmer; Senator Katie Morris; Senator Sarah Beth Corona; Senator Aaron Wilkes; Senator Drew St. Charles; Senator Rachel Cordry

**Endorsements:** Jillian Fields, SGA President; Quin Kelly, President of the Graduate Student Association; Royce Dickerson, Executive Vice President of the Graduate Student Association; Amber Scales, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the Graduate Student Association; Kim Jacks, Vice President for Student Engagement of the Graduate Student Association; Alexis Cumbie, Chief of Staff of the Graduate Student Association; Dalis Lampkins, Executive Secretary of the Graduate Student Association; Skyler Dunn, President of UA College Democrats

**A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR.  
AUTHERINE LUCY FOSTER**

*WHEREAS*, Autherine Lucy Foster received her bachelor's degree in English from Miles College in 1952; and,

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Foster was the first African American student to register for classes at a white higher education institution in the State of Alabama when she enrolled at the University of Alabama in 1952, pursuing a master's degree in library science; and,

*WHEREAS*, the indomitable spirit and faith of Dr. Foster allowed her to persist in the midst of racist mob violence, hate-filled epithets, and subsequent suspension and expulsion from the University by the Board of Trustees; and,

*WHEREAS*, thirty-two years after her expulsion from the University of Alabama, it was rescinded and she re-enrolled as a graduate student in 1989 alongside her daughter Grazia, graduating together in 1992; and,

*WHEREAS*, on that graduation day, the university unveiled a portrait of Dr. Foster in the student union along with a plaque stating that “her initiative and courage won the right for students of all races to attend the university”; and,

*WHEREAS*, Autherine Lucy Foster used her experience and education as a “Master Teacher” at various schools in the South despite considerable obstacles and opponents; and,

*WHEREAS*, this resolution is done in collaboration with the Graduate Student Association, showing a joint debt of gratitude that can never be repaid to Dr. Foster for her impact on the entire UA community; and,

*WHEREAS*, at a special-called meeting on February 11, 2022, the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution changing the recently named Lucy-Graves Hall to Autherine Lucy Hall in honor of Dr. Foster; and,

*WHEREAS*, the naming of Autherine Lucy Hall will stand as a powerful reminder of the progress that can be achieved when this institution lives up to its best ideals of equality and justice for all; and,

*WHEREAS*, her death was announced by The University of Alabama and by her daughter Angela Foster Dickerson on March 2, 2022 at age 92 with her daughter, Chrystal Foster, stating, “She was known, honored, and respected around the world after she broke the color barrier at The University of Alabama. We are deeply saddened, yet we realize she left a proud legacy.”

***THEREFORE be it RESOLVED***, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association honor Dr. Autherine Lucy Foster’s life and legacy.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this resolution be sent to the following: The Family of Dr. Autherine Lucy Foster; Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Susan Carvalho, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School; Dr. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Chapman Greer, Faculty Senate President; Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

