



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

**Agenda for March 24, 2022
Regular Session**

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Executive Secretary

Nathan Yamaguchi
Chief of Staff

Matthew Curl
Chief Justice

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
 - a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement-
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- III. New Business
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ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA
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RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH
MINIMUM OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS
FOR SENATE LOCATIONS



Resolution R-18-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authored By: Madeline Martin, Vice President for External Affairs; Grace Federico, Secretary of the Senate

Sponsored By: Senator Lauren Rouse, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Alison Gaston, Senator Aaron Wilkes, Senator Benner Page, Senator Sarah Beth Corona, Senator Ruthanne Carter, Senator John McLendon, Senator Henry Boyle, Senator CJ Pearson, Senator Luke Dille, Senator Hope Rider, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator Luke Schroeder, Senator Lauryn Parker, Senator Andrew Bregman

Endorsed By: Ciara Callicott, Founder of Unite to Fight Poverty; Jill Fields, 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; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO BECOME A
HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS WITH SWIPE OUT HUNGER**

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

WHEREAS, Swipe Out Hunger is the original architect of the Hunger-Free Campus Bill, which sends funding from state legislatures to public colleges that are addressing student hunger on campus; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the grant funding shall be designated to address student hunger, leverage more sustainable solutions to address basic food needs on campus, raise awareness of services currently offered on campus which address basic food needs; and continue to build strategic partnerships at the local, state, and national levels to address food insecurity among students; and

WHEREAS, There is a Hunger-Free Campus Bill College Coalition composed of representatives from student government associations from University of Mississippi, Marshall University, and University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, This coalition encourages their individual universities to work with Swipe Out Hunger to advocate for the introduction and passage of this bill in their respective state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama resides in Tuscaloosa county, whose population is 17.9% (22.2% of children) food insecure and 20% are living below the poverty line (Alabama Possible); NOW

THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED*, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for the University of Alabama to become official partners of Swipe Out Hunger.

Be it further resolved, The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for the University of Alabama to lobby for the introduction and passage of the Hunger-Free Campus Bill in Alabama State Legislature.

Be it further resolved, the University of Alabama Student Government Association maintains a representative on the Hunger-Free Campus Bill College Coalition.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Hood, Vice President of Student Life; Dr. Matthew Fajack, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Dr. Russell J. Mumper, Vice President of Research and Economic Development; Dr. 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; Dr. 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.



Bill B-06-22
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 300.1.6 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.



Resolution R-20-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2020-2021

Authors: Senator Nate Fulmer

Sponsors: Senator Lauryn Parker, Senator Katie Morris, Senator Cameron Doyle, Senator Collier Dobbs, Senator Rachel Cordry, Senator Taryn Geiger, Senator Charlie Crouse, Senator Will Goodloe, Senator Jacob Gifford, Senator Emmett Wilson, Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Drew St. Charles, Senator Sarah Beth Corona, Senator John McLendon, Senator Luke Schroeder, Senator Hallie Foster, Senator Sims Johnson, Senator Deborah Oberkor, Senator Grayson Shook, Senator Luke Dille, Senator Porter O’Doherty, Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator Ruthanne Carter, Senator Lauren Rouse, Senator CJ Pearson, Secretary Grace Federico

Endorsements: Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association; Sullivan Irvine, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Jack Steinmetz, Vice President for Student Affairs; Madeline Martin, Vice President for External Affairs, Lauren Gilonske, Vice-President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Nathan Yamaguchi, SGA Chief of Staff

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO ALLOW FOR A FULL FIVE-DAY THANKSGIVING BREAK AND A MID-SEMESTER FALL STUDY BREAK THROUGH THE REALLOCATION OF ACADEMIC DAYS IN THE SCHOOL YEAR

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

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama recently made the decision to remove any future two-day mid-semester study breaks during the fall semester, and instead reallocate those two days of break to Thanksgiving week, thus allowing for a 5-day break from classes during Thanksgiving week; and

WHEREAS, prior to this decision, the longest period between academic breaks during the school year was 7 weeks; and

WHEREAS, after this decision, starting in the Fall 2022 term, the longest period between academic breaks during the school year will be 11 weeks; and

WHEREAS, college students experience high levels of stress due to academic course load, social anxiety, and unfamiliar living circumstances, among other causes; and

WHEREAS, this stress can be so intense that it negatively affects academic performance; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to maintain a full 5-day week break from classes for Thanksgiving because, among other advantages, this allows out-of-state students more time to travel and spend time with family at home; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama must maintain a total of 201 days of classes during an entire two-semester school year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama traditionally begins the academic semester on a Wednesday;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the University of Alabama looks into the feasibility of beginning each academic semester on a Tuesday, thus creating two extra days of classes which can be expended to allow for both a two-day mid-semester fall study break and a full five-day Thanksgiving break.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost of UA; Dr. Luoheng Han, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs for the University of Alabama System; Dr. Chapman Greer, President of the University of Alabama Faculty Senate; Keely Brewer, Editor-in-Chief of the Crimson White; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-21-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Senator John Richardson

Sponsors: Speaker Darius Thomas, Senator CJ Pearson, Senator Porter O’Doherty, Senator Sarah Beth Corona, Senator Collier Dobbs, Senator John McLendon, Senator Hallie Foster, Senator Katie Morris, Senator Luke Schroeder, Senator Rachel Cordry, Senator Grant Haidu, Senator Andrew Bregman, Senator Rebecca Rose Lustonsky, Senator Alison Gaston, Senator Deborah Oberkor, Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator Will Goodloe, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Ruthanne Carter, Senator Luke Dille, Senator Jacob Gifford, Senator Drew St. Charles, Secretary Grace Federico

Endorsements: Jillian Fields, SGA President; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President; Jack Steinmetz, Vice President for Student Affairs; Amanda Allen, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Madeline Martin, Vice President for External Affairs; Lauren Gilonske, Vice President for DEI; Colin Marcum, Executive Secretary

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN LEWIS WOLF

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

WHEREAS, John Lewis Wolf was a dear friend and member of the student body whose kindness, energy, and humor brightened the lives of all those around him.

Whereas, John was a committed honors student and dedicated worker maintaining a 4.0 GPA in Chemical Engineering with the intention of becoming a pediatric surgeon.

Whereas, John was a committed servant leader who constantly found opportunities to serve the community around him through work with the Jimmy Hale Rescue Mission.

Whereas, John's faith rested in Jesus Christ, and as He says in John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Whereas, John lived a gospel-centered life, and was engaged with the Body of Christ in both discipleship, worship, and small group bible study.

Whereas, John is deeply missed by his classmates, friends, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, John Lewis Wolf will be remembered and honored by those who knew him and recognized by the students at the University of Alabama through the Student Government Association which extends it's sincerest sympathy and prayers to his friends and family.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Wolf Family, Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; and others as may deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-07-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Councilor Sneha Subramani and Councilor Gabrielle Kirk

Sponsors: Senator Justin McCleskey, Senator John Richardson, Councilor Megan O'Donovan, Councilor Savannah Ichikawa, Councilor Erin Hidalgo, Councilor Chaney McCorquodale, Councilor Antonio Fox

Endorsements:

A BILL ESTABLISHING A FIRST YEAR COUNCIL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Be it enacted by the First Year Council of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

- A. As per the Capstone Creed, members of First Year Council and First Year Council as a whole must pursue knowledge; act with fairness, integrity, and respect; promote equity and inclusion; foster individual and civic responsibility; and strive for excellence in all that they do.
- B. According to the Mission Statement of the University of Alabama Student Government Association, "The mission of The University of Alabama Student Government Association is to serve the common interests of students..."
- C. In order to serve the common interests of students, it is imperative that the bodies which comprise SGA seek out applications from exceptional students from all walks of life on campus.
- D. Of current First Council Members, 70% are known Greek Life affiliates. However, only 35% of UA are members of Greek-lettered organizations.
- E. Of responses recorded in a survey sent to current First Year Councilors, 80% of current First Year Council members only learned how to apply to First Council through their fraternity or sorority.

- F. Of those students who are not Greek, survey shows they heard about First Year Council through social media
- G. In order to fulfill the duties of FYC as prescribed by the code of laws, First Year Council should strive to reach as many incoming freshmen as possible, including Bama Bound Sessions.

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 committees shall be the Rules Committee, Student Affairs Committee, External Affairs Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Financial Affairs Committee, Internal Affairs Committee, Ethics Committee, **Outreach Committee**

Chapter 902.2.1 The Rules Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited

Chapter 902.2.1.1 Enforcing and monitoring the standing rules of the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.1.2 Enforcing the attendance policy of the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.1.2.1 The Committee shall receive attendance records, upon request, from the Secretary of the First Year Council

Chapter 902.2.1.2.2 The Committee will enforce this policy with recommendations from the First Year Council Director.

Chapter 902.2.1.3 Reviewing and recommending bills to set standards, guidelines, and rules for the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.1.3.1 This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the review of legislation that establishes committees and other deviations from the Code of Laws

Chapter 902.2.2 The Student Affairs Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.2.1 Dealing with issues that encourage student development outside of the classroom, but within the University, and support the Academic mission of The University of Alabama.

Chapter 902.2.2.2 Student Policy, Student Opinion, Student Relations, and concerns dealing with life outside of academics.

Chapter 902.2.3 The External Affairs Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.3.1 Handling issues that pertain to matters outside of The University of Alabama.

Chapter 902.2.3.2 Receive and analyze First Year Council legislation regarding external affairs.

Chapter 902.2.3.3 Represent the University of Alabama first year students in external affairs.

Chapter 902.2.4 The Academic Affairs Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.4.1 Represent The University of Alabama first year students in academic affairs.

Chapter 902.2.4.2 Seek opinions from the student body, faculty, and administration regarding issues of academic policy.

Chapter 902.2.4.3 Receive and analyze First Year Council legislation regarding academic affairs.

Chapter 902.2.4.4 Make recommendations to the First Year Council regarding policy legislation.

Chapter 902.2.5 The Financial Affairs Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.5.1 The review of legislation pertaining to the petition of funding from the Student Government Association or Financial Affairs Committee.

Chapter 902.2.5.2 The review of any legislation brought to the committee by the Speaker of the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.5.3 The dealing with any other financial issues so designated by the Student Government Association.

Chapter 902.2.6 The Internal Affairs Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.6.1 Dealing with issues that pertain to matters within the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.6.1.1 This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, reviewing legislation that creates initiatives or programs within the First Year Council

Chapter 902.2.6.2 Reviewing legislation that is brought before the committee by the Speaker of the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.6.3 Making recommendations to the First Year Council regarding internal issues.

Chapter 902.2.7 The Ethics Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.7.1 Hearing of any ethical issues which may arise due to the actions of First Year Council members.

Chapter 902.2.7.2 Issuing penalties to First Year Council members for ethical infractions, when necessary.

Chapter 902.2.7.2.1 Penalties shall be limited to reasonable increase in office hours per Infraction

Chapter 902.2.8 The Outreach Committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 902.2.8.1 Tasked with advertising the First Year Council to on campus organizations in order to promote diversity among applicants to the First Year Council.

Chapter 902.2.8.2 Working with other organizations in the University of Alabama in order to create a bridge between First Year Councilors and their constituents. This can include, but is not limited to, hosting informational sessions, public forums, etc.

Chapter 902.2.8.3 The authors of the legislation will ensure that the current First Year Council reaches out to First Year Experiences Organizations on campus to establish a relationship with said organizations.

Chapter 902.2.8.4 The First Year Council Outreach Committee shall reach out to First Year Experience Organizations during the First Year Council 2022-2023 year. In doing so, they must report back to the 2022-2023 First Year Council Director. If this is not fulfilled, the committee will be subject to penalization, which can be but not limited to, deduction of attendance points.

Chapter 902.2.9 Committees shall consist of at least five First Year Councilors.

Chapter 902.2.10 Committees may only conduct business when a quorum of the committee membership is present.

Chapter 902.2.11 The First Year Council shall add or nullify committees as needed.

Chapter 902.3 A First Year Councilor appointed to fill a vacancy shall sit on the committee of the First Year Councilor that he or she is replacing.

Chapter 902.4 Committee Chairs will be selected by a vote within a committee.

Chapter 902.5 The First Year Council shall meet weekly, unless a special session is requested by the SGA President or a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote) of First Year Councilors.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of legislation may be sent to Jillian Fields, SGA President; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President; Will Bradley, FYC Director; Will Stiers, FYC Assistant Director; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; Keely Brewer, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as deemed necessary.



Bill B-08-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Senator Justin McCleskey; Senator Drew St. Charles

Sponsors: Senator John Dodd; Senator John Richardson

Endorsements:

**A BILL TO ALLOW STUDENT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORSHIP AND EXPAND
ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Students outside of SGA often play an active role in the formation of legislation. This results in students contributing extensive effort without authorship privileges¹. It also creates unnecessary confusion that prevents objectively good legislation from passing quicker².
- B. Chapter 400.2.3.2 misspells the word, “separate.”
- C. Chapter 400.2.3.1 is consistently disregarded to place individual student names, particularly organization leaders, requiring an update to fit current legislative norms³. It also requires an update to clarify language, explicitly allowing Executive Council Endorsements⁴.

¹ A joint resolution with the Graduate Student Association required moving an author, Royce Dickerson, to the Endorsement portion

² A resolution with Unite to Fight Poverty was tabled because an author, Ciara Callicott, could not be listed in that portion, per Chapter 400.2.1.1.

³ Resolution R-12-21, Resolution R-14-21, Resolution R-18-21, Resolution R-24-21, Resolution R-25-21, Constitutional Amendment C-01-21, Resolution R-29-21, Resolution R-31-21, Resolution R-03-22, Resolution R-06-22, Resolution R-09-22, Resolution R-11-22, Resolution R-12-22, Resolution R-15-22, Bill B-04-22, Resolution R-17-22.

⁴ Resolution R-12-21, Bill B-01-21, Bill B-02-21, Resolution R-13-21, Resolution R-14-21, Act A-01-21, Resolution R-17-21, Resolution R-19-21, Bill B-03-21, Act A-02-21, Resolution R-20-21, Bill B-04-21, Act A-03-

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

Chapter 400 Legislation

Chapter 400.1 Submission of Legislation

Chapter 400.1.1 New legislation, namely resolutions, bills, acts, and constitutional amendments must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate at least twenty-four hours prior to the next Senate meeting

Chapter 400.1.2 If new legislation is submitted within twenty-four hours of the next Senate meeting, then the Secretary of the Senate shall have full discretion pertaining to whether or not the legislation is added to the docket for the aforementioned meeting.

Chapter 400.1.3 The Senator(s) submitting the new legislation shall be referred to as “authors” of the legislation, while Senator(s) who wish to be affiliated with the legislation after its first reading shall be regarded as “co-sponsors.”

Chapter 400.1.4 Any submitted piece of legislation must have at least one sponsor.

Chapter 400.2 Jurisdiction over Legislation

Chapter 400.2.1 Authors

Chapter 400.2.1.1 **Only** Senators **and the Executive Council** shall be permitted to author Resolutions of the Senate.

Chapter 400.2.1.1.1 Any student shall be permitted to co-author Resolutions of the Senate, so long as a senator or member of the Executive Council is also listed.

Chapter 400.2.1.2 Only Senators and the Executive Council shall be permitted to author Acts of the Senate.

Chapter 400.2.1.3 Only Senators and the Executive Council shall be permitted to author Bills of the Senate.

Chapter 400.2.2 Sponsors

Chapter 400.2.2.1 Only Senators shall be permitted to sponsor legislation presented to the Student Senate.

Chapter 400.2.3 Endorsements

Chapter 400.2.3.1 Any Source registered organization, **member of the Executive Council, or student** shall be permitted to endorse any legislation presented to the Student Senate.

Chapter 400.2.3.2 Endorsements shall appear in a **separate** section below sponsors, but above the beginning of the legislation.

21, Bill B-05-21, Resolution R-21-21, Resolution R-22-21, Act A-04-21, Resolution R-23-21, Bill B-06-21, Resolution R-24-21, Act A-05-21, Resolution R-25-21, Bill B-07-21, Resolution R-26-21, Act A-06-21, A-07-21, Act A-08-21, Resolution R-27-21, Resolution R-28-21, Resolution R-29-21, Bill B-08-21, Resolution R-31-21, Resolution R-32-21, Bill B-09-21, Bill B-11-21, Bill B-01-22, Resolution R-01-22, Resolution R-02-22, Resolution R-03-22, Act A-01-22, Resolution R-05-22, Resolution R-06022, Resolution R-08-22, Resolution R-09-22, Constitutional Amendment C-01-22, Resolution R-10-22, Resolution R-11-22, Resolution R-12-22, Act A-02-22, Resolution R-14-22, Resolution R-16-22, Resolution R-17-22, Act A-05-22, Act A-06-22, Resolution R-19-22, Act A-07-22

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Jillian Fields, SGA President; Katherine 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.



Bill B-09-22
The University of Alabama
26th Senate 2021-2022

Authors: Senator Justin McCleskey

Sponsors: Senator John Dodd

Endorsements:

**A BILL TO AMEND THE SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH
MINIMUM OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATE LOCATIONS**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Per the Senate Rules and Regulations, Senate Meetings are to be held at a designated location (Title V, Chapter 500.1).
- B. Previous Senate Meetings, held in the Student Center Forum Room, have reached maximum occupancy (65), preventing students from being able to actively participate in SGA affairs.
- C. Most audio recordings of Senate Meetings do not have high enough quality to be heard, making it essential for students to view sessions live.
- D. Larger occupancy rooms have historically been available every Thursday at 18:30, including the Student Center Ballrooms and ten Hour Lecture Halls, making it feasible to use larger rooms.

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

Chapter 500 Senate Meetings

Chapter 500.1 Senate will meet every Thursday at 18:30 at a designated location.

Chapter 500.1.1 Senate Locations will have a maximum capacity at or above 100 persons to accommodate participating students.

Chapter 500.2 Senate will operate on a biweekly schedule, alternating between Formal Meetings and Committee Meetings.

Chapter 500.2.1 Formal Meetings

Chapter 500.2.1.1 Formal Meetings will occur once every two (2) weeks.

Chapter 500.2.1.2 Old Business of the Senate may only be scheduled during Formal Meetings of the Senate.

Chapter 500.2.2 Committee Meetings

Chapter 500.2.2.1 Committee Meetings will occur once every two (2) weeks, alternating with Formal Meetings.

Chapter 500.3 In the event that the location or time is an issue such that a meeting cannot be held, or if the University of Alabama has suspended operations some time on the day of the meeting, the Speaker of the Senate shall be vested with the authority to cancel the meeting, and shall notify all Senate members should he or she decide to take such action.

Chapter 500.4 Formal Senate Dress Code

Chapter 500.4.1 Senators must wear business attire for all formal Senate meetings and all special sessions of the Senate.

Chapter 500.4.2 The requirement of business attire shall not be construed such that it applies to proxies.

Chapter 500.5 Prior to the commencement of legislative business, the Speaker of the Senate shall open the floor to members of the public for the purposes of voicing the concerns and the opinions of the student body and the presentation of petitions.

Chapter 500.5.1 Members of the public will be permitted at least but not exceeding three minutes per person for a total of thirty minutes.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Jillian Fields, SGA President; Katherine 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.