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The University of Alabama 27th Student Senate 2022-2023

Agenda for September 7th, 2022 Regular Session

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
 - a. Capstone Creed and SGA Mission Statement Senator Jennifer Baggett and Senator Elizabeth Prophet
- III. New Business
 - a. Confirmation of the Director of Initiatives
 - b. Act A-8-22 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GOOD SAMARTIAN OVERDOSE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UA END OVERDOSE
 - c. Bill B-12-22 A BILL TO REVISE THE DUTIES OF SENATORS IN THE SGA CODE OF LAWS
 - d. Bill B-13-22 A BILL TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE SENATE
 - e. Bill B-14-22 A BILL TO UPDATE THE FORMAL SENATE DRESS CODE IN THE SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS
- IV. Adjourn



Act A-8-22 The University of Alabama

27th Senate 2022-2023

Author: Speaker of the Senate CJ Pearson, Senator Tyler Zuspann

Sponsors: Senator John Dawson, Secretary of the Senate Taryn Geiger, Senator Ellie Whiltanger, Senator Sam Akins, Senator Karina Collins, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator John McLendon, Senator Bryant Segars, Senator Lucas Weldon, Senator Myles Gollop, Senator Lexi Sims, Senator Kiley Price, Senator Nico Boyd, Senator Seth Hudson, Senator Sara Kate Smalley, Senator Tyler Tannehill, Senator Clay Bruce, Senator Athena Critides, Senator Jennifer Baggett. Senator Hunter Howell, Senator John Dawson

Endorsements: Hayden Rutter, President UA End Overdose

AN ACT ESTABLING THE GOOD SAMARTIAN OVERDOSE TRAINING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UA END OVERDOSE

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

Section 1. Findings:

- 1. According to VitAL, a partnership between Alabama state agencies and the University of Alabama School Of Social Work, from June 2019 to June 2020, more than 83,000 Americans died of drug overdoses
- 2. According to their research, three in five drug overdose deaths could have been prevented if not for a lack of education.
- 3. In America, 40% of deaths occur while a bystander is present, which researchers attribute to a lack of education and limited awareness of Good Samaritan Laws and the proper courses of action to take in response to an overdose
- 4. On The University of Alabama campus, many organizations, including but not limited to, the Interfraternity Council, University of Alabama Police Department, VitAL, End Overdose, and the Student Government Association have shown a demonstrable interest in mitigating the possibility of drug-related deaths through greater education, awareness, and access to life-saving and preventable treatments.
- 5. Upon passage of Act-#-22, The University of Alabama Student Government Association, in partnership with UAPD and End Overdose, will establish the Good Samaritan

Overdose Organizational Certification Program that will inform participating students about Good Samaritan laws and policies, signs and symptoms of potential drug overdoses, and the proper use and administration of Narcan and fentanyl testing strips.

Section 2. Legislation:

- 6. *THEREFORE, be it resolved,* The University of Alabama Student Government Association, in partnership with The University of Alabama Police Department and UA End Overdose will establish The Good Samaritan Organizational Training Program
- 7. Be it further resolved, that upon completion of the Good Samaritan Organizational Certification Program by 25% of a participating student organization active membership, that it will be considered a recipient of the Good Samaritan Organizational Certification.
- 8. Be it further resolved, that copies of this Act be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Hudson Tate, President of the Interfraternity Council; Hannah Hale, President of the Alabama Panhellenic Assocation; John Hooks, Chief, University of Alabama Police Department; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-12-22 The University of Alabama 27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Speaker of the Senate CJ Pearson

Sponsors: Senator Clay Bruce, Senator Karina Collins, Senator Maria Derisavi, Senator Noel Keeney, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Tyler Tannehill

Endorsements:

A BILL TO REVISE THE DUTIES OF SENATORS IN THE SGA CODE OF LAWS

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. According to Chapter 302.2 of the Code of Laws, Senators "shall make themselves accessible and accountable to their constituents"
- B. Currently, Senators are not formally required to meet with their constituents beyond regular Senate and Committee meetings and through the practice of office hours
- C. To increase transparency and accessibility in the SGA Senate, Chapter 302.2 shall be amended to require senators to plan and execute outreach events for constituents in their college

Section 2. Legislation:

Chapter 302 Duties of Senators

Chapter 302.2 Senators shall make themselves accessible and accountable to their constituents.

Chapter 302.2.1 Senators must plan, execute, or participate in at least one outreach event for their respective college per academic semester, such as a 'Town Hall', 'Meet Your Senator', or tabling event

Chapter 302.2.2 *Planned outreach events must be submitted and approved by the Secretary of the Senate or he/she's designee. Failure to plan, execute, or participate in at least one event each semester will result in one unexcused absence per each event missed.*

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White;* and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-13-22 The University of Alabama

27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Tyler Tannehill

Sponsors: Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Viprav Raju, Senator Tolulope Kolapo

Endorsements:

A BILL TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE SENATE

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Only roll call votes are provided to student media organizations concerning the individual vote of a senator.
- B. In pursuit of transparency, all branches of the SGA must openly inform of their actions to all students in the most expedited and effective means possible.

Section 2. Legislation:

Chapter 201. The Secretary of the Senate

Chapter 201.1 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.

Chapter 201.1 The Secretary of the Senate shall submit all roll call vote results and all electronically recorded votes, 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.

Chapter 300 Committees

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

Chapter 300.1.4.4. Reviewing the current method of recording electronic votes cast by senators.

Chapter 501 Special Rules of the Senate

Chapter 501.1 Proxies

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 501.5.3.3 A proxy shall have their vote included at any time an electronic vote is conducted.

Chapter 501.6 Electronic Voting

Chapter 501.6.1. The vote or abstention of a senator shall be electronically recorded when considering legislation.

Chapter 501.6.1.1 Electronically recorded votes include a vote or abstention on bills, acts, and resolutions.

Chapter 501.6.2. The vote or abstention of a senator shall be electronically recorded when considering confirmations.

Chapter 501.6.3. In the case that roll call votes are mandated, electronic voting will not apply nor supersede that rule that mandates a roll call vote.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-14-22 The University of Alabama 27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Secretary of the Senate Taryn Geiger, Speaker of the Senate CJ Pearson

Sponsors: Senator Jacob Rohleder, Senator Morgan Patrick, Senator Sam Akins, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator John McLendon, Senator Kiley Price, Senator Jenna Berkower, Senator Athena Critides, Senator Karina Collins, Senator Kieghan Nangle, Senator Thomas Ashton, Senator Tyler Tannehill

Endorsements:

A BILL TO UPDATE THE FORMAL SENATE DRESS CODE IN THE SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The current Senate Rules and Regulations outline a different dress code than historically followed by the Senate.
- B. Updating these rules to follow this dress code will ensure the formal rules and regulations are followed accurately.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

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 500.4.1 Senators must wear business attire for formal Senate meetings and special sessions of the Senate when deemed necessary by the Speaker.

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

Section 3. Copies: Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White;* and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.