



# The University of Alabama

27th Student Senate

2022-2023

## Agenda for March 2nd, 2023 Regular Session

**Taryn Geiger**

Speaker of the Senate

**Olivia Frazier**

Secretary of the Senate

**Kieghan Nangle**

Speaker Pro-temp

**Morgan Patrick**

Secretary Pro-temp

**John McLendon**

Chair, Financial Affairs

**Sam Akins**

Chair, Student Affairs

**John Richardson**

Chair, Academic Affairs

**Ellie Wiltanger**

Chair, External Affairs

**Xzarria Peterson**

Chair, DEI

**Jack Rudder**

Chair, Rules

**Ally-Anna Outlaw**

Chair, Ethics

**Bayley St. Clair**

Parliamentarian

**Carsyn Waldrop**

Director of Initiatives

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
  - a. Capstone Creed and Mission Statement
- III. Old Business
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  - c. **R-1-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NEED TO INCREASE STUDENT WORKER WAGES**
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  - e. **R-8-23 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA COUNSELING CENTER**



**B-4-23**

**The University of Alabama  
27th Senate 2022-2023**

**Author:** Senator Maria Derisavi

**Sponsors:** Senator Hannah Ford, Senator Kaleigh Shaw, Senator Lexi Sims, Senator Johnny Foster, Senator Karina Collins, Senator Wyatt Harnage, Senator Sam Akins, Senator Emma Fraley, Senator Morgan Patrick, Senator Ally-Anna Outlaw, Senator Tyler Tannehil, Senator Nico Boyd, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Ellie Wiltanger, Senator John Richardson, Senator Emilia Stuart, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Keighan Nangle, Senator Judson Fair, Senator Olivia Frazier, Senator Athena Critides, Councilor Catharine Stockstill

**Endorsements:** Cameron Doyle, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lauryn Parker, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs

**A BILL TO ENSURE THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE AND FACULTY  
SENATE ARE INFORMED OF EACH OTHERS' ACTIVITIES THROUGH A  
REGULAR LIAISON'S REPORT**

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

**Section 1. Findings:**

- A. Many items of legislation created within the SGA Senate are subject to the Faculty Senate's approval to be implemented,
- B. Many items of legislation created within the Faculty Senate have direct impact on University of Alabama students,
- C. Knowledge on each others' activities as provided by a firsthand source would undoubtedly allow for more productive and collaborative conversation and action between the two legislative bodies,

- D. The SGA Executive Vice President acts as a formal liaison between the Faculty Senate and the SGA's legislative bodies,

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

**Chapter 201.2 The Executive Vice President**

**Chapter 201.2.1** The Executive Vice President shall assume the office of President if the President is unable to fulfill the duties of that office.

**Chapter 201.2.2** The Executive Vice President shall serve as liaison between the Student Senate, First Year Council, and the Faculty Senate.

**Chapter 201.2.2.1** The SGA Executive Vice President, acting as the Faculty Senate liaison, must update the SGA Senate, the First Year Council, and the Faculty Senate with each other's activities on a regular basis.

**Chapter 201.2.2.2** In the event the SGA Executive Vice President is unable to attend Faculty Senate meetings, another member of the Executive Council or Executive Vice President Cabinet should assume the duties of the Faculty Senate liaison and report to the Student Senate and First Year Council accordingly.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill may be sent to: Madeleine Martin, SGA President; Jack Steinmetz, SGA Executive Vice President; Cameron Doyle, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs; The 2022-2023 Faculty Senate; The 2022-2023 First Year Council; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; and *The Crimson White*.



## **Bill B-5-23**

**The University of Alabama**

**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Senator Tyler Tannehill

**Sponsors:** Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Viprav Raju, Senator Tolulope Kolapo, Senator Noel Kenney, Senator Myles Gollop

**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. Several senators have individually committed to sharing their voting records with the public,
- C. Electronic voting is vital for democratic governance,
- D. Electronic voting is virtually reflected in all democratic countries' governments, state governments across the United States, in some shape or form,
- E. In pursuit of transparency, all branches of the Student Government Association must openly inform of their actions to all students in the most expedited and effective means possible.

#### **Section 2. Legislation (**changes in red**):**

##### **Chapter 201. The Secretary 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 201.4** The Secretary of the Senate shall construct ballots that will be available to senators and proxies when electronic voting is conducted.

## **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 and available methods of recording electronic votes cast by senators.

## **Chapter 501 Special Rules of the Senate**

### **Chapter 501.6 Proxies**

**Chapter 501.6.3** 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 501.6.3.3** A proxy shall have their vote included at any time an electronic vote is conducted.

### **Chapter 501.9 Electronic Voting**

**Chapter 501.9.1.** The vote or abstention of a senator shall be electronically recorded when considering legislation at senate meetings.

**Chapter 501.9.1.1** Electronically recorded votes include a vote or abstention on bills, acts, resolutions, and constitutional amendments.

**Chapter 501.9.2.** The vote or abstention of a senator shall be electronically recorded when considering confirmations.

**Chapter 501.9.3** A senator or proxy who is unable to cast their electronic vote due to technical difficulties may have their vote individually recorded at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate.

**Chapter 501.9.4** A senator may not cast an electronic vote if they are not present at the senate meeting.

**Chapter 501.9.5** The Senate shall use Microsoft Forms to conduct electronic voting at senate meetings.

**Chapter 501.9.6** In the case that roll call votes are mandated, electronic voting will not apply nor supersede that rule that mandates a roll call vote.

**Chapter 501.9.7** All clauses concerning electronic voting do not apply or have any effect if the method for conducting electronic voting is not available or provided to students by The University of Alabama.

**Chapter 501.9.8** All clauses concerning electronic voting will go into effect at the beginning of the first Senate meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Senate.

**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.



**R-1-23**

**The University of Alabama 27th Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Senator Xzarria Peterson

**Sponsors:** Senator Karina Collins, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Tyler Tannehill, Senator Ragan Wilson, Senator John Richardson, Senator Kieghan Nangle, Senator Garrett Kennedy, Senator Kiley Price, Senator Emilia Stuart

**Endorsements:** Madeline Martin, SGA President, Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE NEED TO  
INCREASE STUDENT WORKER WAGES**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama follows the state-mandated minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour

*WHEREAS*, Student assistants and other student workers are only allowed to work a maximum of 20 hours per week due to other outside academic obligations

*WHEREAS*, Student employment opportunities offer jobs to about 2,500\* students with the ability to balance classes with work, consistent hours, and the ability to assist with day-to-day occurrences and

*WHEREAS*, Emory University, announced its plan to close the gap in pay variations across its campus(\$9-\$12 depending on departments) by progressively raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour over the course of three years(2022-2024) and

*WHEREAS*, Emory University will now implement this pay increase for around 5,000 student employees through its Human Resources department rather than continuing the previous pay from each hiring department like the University of Alabama does and

*WHEREAS*, This implementation will cost Emory \$625,00-\$800,000 annually over the next few years as it is implemented

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama could potentially seek out increasing wages for student workers

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama as well as the Division of Financial Operation/Human Resources continues to work towards increasing student wages as well as curate a student worker pay scale that is readily available for future use.

***Be it further resolved***, that this resolution be considered for implementation as soon as possible.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Matthew Fajack, Vice President for Finance and Operation; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Bob Pierce, Vice President for Advancement, Angel Navarez-Lugo, University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; John McLendon, Financial Affairs Committee Chair, *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.





**Act A-3-23**

**The University of Alabama**

**27th Senate 2022-2023**

Author(s): Julianne Pharrams, Ellie Wiltanger

Sponsors: Councilor Aydan Graham, Councilor Kyle Staus, Councilor Bree Hollis, Councilor Harrison DeLong, Councilor Cassidy Matwiyoff, Councilor Reagan Wells, Councilor Cathy Stockstill, Councilor Sarah Clevenger, Councilor Lucy Bonhaus, Councilor Sarah Mearthur, Councilor Jensyn Seay, Councilor Katherine Gray, Councilor Anna Benetello, Councilor Kameron Prim

Endorsements: Director of Communications Claire Dubreil, Chief Justice Caleb Thome, Secretary Olivia Frazier

**An Act to Implement Meet FYC Day**

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

WHEREAS,

Members of the First Year Council are selected by already existing members of the SGA as opposed to selected by the general UA population, and the freshman class especially, many freshmen are either unaware they have representation on campus or unfamiliar with what that representation may be. As such it is the job of the First Year Council to ensure their constituents are aware and informed of their existence and their methods of operation.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, a Meet FYC Day should be implemented during the first semester of each new school year. On this day members of FYC will table outside of the respective dorms they represent. A Bama Asks QR code will be displayed for students to scan and communicate concerns and initiatives they find imperative. Students will be able to speak with the members of FYC who represent them as well as ask them questions and voice concerns. Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Copies of this bill will be sent to Alex Howard and Nick Tolbert, Co-Directors of the First Year Council; Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor; Collier Dobbs, Vice President for External Affairs; Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Bhavana Ravala, Editor-in-Chief, The Crimson White; Madeline Martin, President of SGA; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date



**Bill B-6-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Speaker Taryn Geiger and Secretary Olivia Frazier

**Sponsors:** Senator Ellie Wiltanger

**Endorsements:** Madeline Martin; SGA President

**A BILL TO UPDATE THE SGA AWARDS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The current Code of Laws do not outline specific members to be included in the SGA Awards Committee
- B. Updating the Code of Laws to include specific members will make this process smoother.

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

**Chapter 800 SGA Awards Committee**

**Chapter 800.1** The SGA Awards Committee shall have the power to create and establish awards for the SGA with the consent of the Executive Council.

**Chapter 800.0.1** The SGA Awards Committee shall consist of the SGA President, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief of Staff, Chief Justice, Speaker of First Year Council, Speaker of the Senate, or another member appointed by those listed above.

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-7-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Speaker Taryn Geiger and Secretary Olivia Frazier

**Sponsors:** Senator Ellie Wiltanger

**Endorsements:** Madeline Martin; SGA President

**A BILL TO UPDATE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENATE DIRECTOR OF INITIATIVES**

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

**Section 1. Findings:**

- A. The current duties of the Director of Initiatives are vague.
- B. Updating these duties will allow for more engagement between the Senate and Student bodies with the Director of Initiatives.

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

**Chapter 202 The Director of Initiatives**

Chapter 202.1 The Director of Initiatives will be responsible for the effective execution of Senate initiative and programming events to promote Senate visibility and accessibility.

Chapter 202.1.1 These programming events include, but are not limited to, welcome events at the beginning of each semester, external Senator tabling, Senate outreach programs, and others as deemed necessary by the Speaker of the Senate.

Chapter 202.1.2 The Director of Initiatives shall be responsible for tracking Senator attendance at these events and communicating this to the Speaker and Secretary of the Senate.

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.



**Resolution R-6-23**

**The University of Alabama**

**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Senator Tyler Tannehill

**Sponsors:** Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Karina Collins, Senator Emilia Stuart, Senator Myles Gollop

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A CAMPUS-WIDE EMAIL TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO VOTE IN SGA ELECTIONS**

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

*WHEREAS*, According to the Spring 2022 General Election Results, only 28.23% of the student body turned out to vote,

*WHEREAS*, A striking majority of the student body did not vote in the Spring 2022 General Election, with 71.77% not voting for whatever reasons,

*WHEREAS*, Reasons for not voting in SGA elections may include but are not limited to: unawareness of SGA election day; unawareness of instructions on how to vote in SGA elections; student apathy that their vote matters in SGA elections;

*WHEREAS*, From UA Student News, a “Message from the President” is sent to the crimson emails of students, faculty, and staff with a statement provided by University of Alabama President Stuart R. Bell,

*WHEREAS*, On November 8, 2022, Election Day, President Bell issued a “Message from the President” to encourage students to exercise their right to vote and have their voices heard,

*WHEREAS*, President Bell has the capacity to inform students on when and how to vote in SGA elections,

**THEREFORE, be it *RESOLVED***, that the Student Government Association recommends that the University of Alabama President issue a “Message from the President” email to all students on the day of SGA elections,

***Be it further resolved***, that Student Government Association recommends that the University of Alabama President has the “Message from the President” email contain the necessary information on when and how students can vote in SGA elections, or otherwise direct where students can find that necessary voting information,

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White*; Stuart R. Bell, University of Alabama President; and others as may deemed necessary at a later date.



**Resolution R-7-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**27th Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Senator Tyler Zuspann

**Sponsors:**

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO EXPLORE ADDING  
ADDITIONAL SQUAT RACKS AND DEADLIFT PLATFORMS TO THE REC  
CENTER**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is a flagship university in research, innovation, and recreation; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama prides itself on the student rec center which allows students to maintain a healthy and happy lifestyle; and

*WHEREAS*, The student rec center serves as a fitness center for approximately 38,000 students at the university; and

*WHEREAS*, The student rec center only has three squat racks and two deadlift platforms for students to use; and

*WHEREAS*, During peak gym hours, students can wait up to 30 minutes in a line to use the squat racks and deadlift platforms; and

*WHEREAS*, Squats and deadlifts are two of the most of the most fundamental and versatile strength training exercises to improve overall fitness



***THEREFORE, be it resolved,*** that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to explore the option of adding additional squat racks and deadlift platforms to the student rec center.

***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Scott Elliot, University Recreation Executive Director; President Madeline Martin, University of Alabama Student Government President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**R-8-23**

**The University of Alabama**

**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Madeline Martin, SGA President

**Sponsors:** Speaker Taryn Geiger, Secretary Olivia Frazier

**Endorsements:** Deborah Oberkor, President of Alabama Panhellenic Association, Will Fracchia, President of the Interfraternity Council, Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Cameron Doyle, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lauryn Parker, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Collier Dobbs, SGA Vice President for External Affairs; Josie Schmitt, SGA Executive Secretary; Izzy Boyd, SGA Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs; Colin Marcum, SGA Chief of Staff;

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ALABAMA COUNSELING CENTER**

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

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama Counseling Center provides a wide scope of mental health services, crisis, emergency counseling, and campus educational programming.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center has held longstanding, continuous accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Centers, the only international organization that focuses solely on accrediting professional counseling centers on college and university campuses and whose standards and guidelines are recognized widely as benchmarks and best practices in collegiate mental health.

WHEREAS, the mission of the UA Counseling Center is to help students achieve academic success and personal growth through a comprehensive counseling center model focused on providing quality counseling and psychological services, outreach, consultative services, and the training of mental health professionals.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center has successfully collaborated with various departments and student groups to provide innovative programs and services.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center has pioneered innovations in campus-wide suicide prevention education by establishing the Tide Against Suicide program, and also providing technologies, such as WellTrack, MindKare, and Togetherall to enhance mental health services that are available to all students.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center has seen a 7% increase in appointments along with an overall 15% increase in student services this year and is currently staffed with 21.25 FTE mental health professionals whose specialization and expertise are in collegiate mental health and the developmental mental health needs of college students.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center provides outreach in crisis situations, conducts presentations, provides trainings, and holds events totaling over 12000 contacts since August 2022 and has had over 2500 consultation contacts since August 2022.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center has tangible clinical outcomes and has seen the following: improvements better than 66.8% of other centers regarding Depression; improvements better than 70% of other centers regarding Social Anxiety; improvements better than 64% of other centers regarding General Anxiety; improvements better than 64% of other centers regarding Overall Distress; and improvements better than 83% of other centers regarding Academic Distress.

WHEREAS, the UA Counseling Center summary of student outcome and satisfaction surveys over the past 4 academic years to-date have shown the following: 92% of students gained a better understanding of factors that impact their wellbeing; 93% of students learned how to more effectively address their personal problems; 90% of students learned how to understand themselves better; 86% of students indicated that access to counseling services through telehealth helped them better cope with stress related to COVID; 84% of students were better able to stay in school; 86% were better able to adjust to college life; and 71% of students improved their academic performance.

THEREFORE, be it *RESOLVED*, that the Student Government Association Senate commends the diligent, timely, compassionate, and student-centered work The University of Alabama Counseling Center does to best serve the student body daily under the direction of Dr. Vander Wal and leadership of Dr. Ruperto Perez.

*Be it further resolved*, copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; of Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Wellbeing; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Taryn Gieger, Speaker of the Senate; Caleb Thome, Chief Justice; Ansley Stamper, Chair of the SGA Elections Board; Dr. Kat Gillan, SGA Elections Board Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.