



# The University of Alabama

27th Student Senate

2022-2023

## Agenda for March 30th, 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

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  - b. **R-10-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE ENGINUITY LAB**
  - c. **R 11-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SGA ADVISOR TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS TO CONNECT SENATORS TO THE DEANS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGES**
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  - c. **R-13-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDENT RECRUITMENT AMBASSADORS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION**
  - d. **R-14-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO INCORPORATE GRAMMARLY PREMIUM AS PART OF THE IT/SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY**
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**R-9-23**

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

**Authored By:** Senator Tolulope Kolapo, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Viprav Raju

**Sponsored By:** Senator Emilia Stuart

**Endorsed By:** Vice President Student Affairs (Luke Dille); Vice President for Academic Affairs (Cameron Doyle); President Graduate Student Association (Royce Dickerson); Vice President Graduate Student Association (Dalis Lampkin); Vice President DEI Graduate Student Association (Joyce Jekayinoluwa); Speaker, GSA House of Delegates (Ladi Adeoluwa); Delegate Amber Mantowabi-Heubner; Delegate Abby Bradley; Delegate Dalton Becker; Delegate Donna Thomasson Smith.

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO MODIFY  
RESIDENTIAL CRIMSON RIDE AVAILABILITY DURING SUMMER**

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

*WHEREAS*, Currently, The University of Alabama does not have off campus residential bus services that are available to students during the summer and most of the buses available are confined to on campus housing; and

*WHEREAS*, Currently, The Crimson Ride provides full transportation services that cover residential and off-campus routes both in the fall and spring semesters; and

*WHEREAS*, The University transportation services available in summer are restricted to movement within the campus; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama has students enrolled in summer classes as well as graduate students that teach and conduct research work during the summer and most of these students that have relied on the Crimson Ride transportation system are subsequently left without transportation in the summer.

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama can modify transportation services to include two or more bus trips to off-campus residential areas in the morning and evening that mirror the regular routes provided during the fall and spring semesters and in turn reduce the stress and create a conducive learning environment in the summer.

**THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for The University of Alabama adopting a modified residential bus route for off campus students that are attending and/or teaching classes during the summer.

***Be it further resolved***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for The University of Alabama adopting a bus route with a well communicated time of availability for the residential areas in the morning and evenings such that students can plan accordingly.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice-President for Student Life; Matthew Fajack, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Madeline Martin, SGA President; Josie Schmitt, SGA Executive Secretary; Caleb Thome, SGA Chief Justice; David Strickland, SGA Attorney General, Cameron Doyle, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs, Luke Dille, SGA Vice President for Student Affairs; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; *The Crimson White* and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**R-10-23**

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

**Authors:** Senator Alexander East

**Sponsors:** Speaker Taryn Geiger, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Jack Rudder, Senator Clay Bruce, Senator Bryant Segars, Senator Ryan LaJoye,

**Endorsements:** Cameron Doyle, VP of Academic Affairs;

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REFURBISHMENT OF  
THE ENGINUITY LAB**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is a university that provides a wide variety of resources to support their students toward achieving their goals in the classroom; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Department of Academic Affairs is an organization that aims to enable its students by continually improving their available study resources; and

*WHEREAS*, The ENGINuity Lab is one such studying resource that is not being used to its full potential; and

*WHEREAS*, Poll results collected from engineering college students will be the basis for recognizing what students want to see changed to help reach that potential; and

*WHEREAS*, Poll results conclude that students want to see tutoring provided for more advanced classes, charging stations, whiteboards, tables, and sound dampening; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama has a responsibility to provide optimal studying environments for its students.

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association

encourages The University of Alabama to invest resources into the ENGINuity Lab to provide more physical resources and tutoring options based off the needs most requested by students in the associated poll.

***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Jim Dalton, Provost, Academic Affairs; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Bhavana Ravala, The *Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**R-11-23**

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

**Authors:** Senator Alexander East

**Sponsors:** Senator Jack Rudder

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SGA ADVISOR TO HOLD ANNUAL  
MEETINGS TO CONNECT SENATORS TO THE DEANS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE  
COLLEGES**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is a university that has a thriving Student Government Association and faculty leadership; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Student Government Association is an organization that is best connected to faculty through the SGA Advisor; and

*WHEREAS*, SGAs Legislative branch is composed of senators that are elected by college to be student leaders and representatives of that college; and

*WHEREAS*, Each college is also run by a faculty member known as the dean of that college; and

*WHEREAS*, Connecting these student and faculty leaders will be very beneficial, as both parties will gain insight and contacts to be used to further their college;

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, that the current SGA advisor will be tasked with connecting senators with the deans of their respective colleges through some sort of meeting each year in the interest of fostering better faculty/SGA relations;

***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Peter Hlebowitsh, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Joseph P. Messina, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Brian S. Butler, Dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences; Dr. Kay M. Palan, Dean of the Culverhouse College of Business; Dr. Clifford L. Henderson, Dean of the College of Engineering; Stuart Usdan, Dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences; Members of the Graduate Council, Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Bhavana Ravala, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**R-12-23**

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

**Authors:** Senator Alexander East, Senator Jenna Berkower

**Sponsors:** Senator Jack Rudder

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO INCREASE  
THE AMOUNT OF DINING DOLLARS WITHOUT INCREASING TUITION AS  
COMPENSATION**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama provides a credit called Dining Dollars to its students for the specific purpose of buying food at certain restaurants in and around campus; and

*WHEREAS*, The current amount of Dining Dollars per Semester is \$350, which equals about \$20.59 per week or \$2.94 per day; and

*WHEREAS*, the average cost of a full meal at almost all of the off campus restaurants is around \$12 and the on campus food options average around \$9 without tax, drink, or anything else; and

*WHEREAS*, The current amount of Dining Dollars is inadequate to feed today's student, only paying for 2-3 meals a week if the student only buys cheaper items and rations their credit; and

*WHEREAS*, Dining Dollar amount has not been updated since 2019 to reflect price increases due to inflation which has gone up by 17% since then; and

*WHEREAS*, Increasing the Dining Dollar Credit using funds gathered from increasing tuition does not do anything for the student, but limits them by only allowing them to use that same money on certain restaurants;



***THEREFORE, be it resolved,*** that the University of Alabama find funds to allocate to the Dining Dollars program of an amount reflecting inflation faced since the last increase without extra cost to the student;

***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Kristina Partridge, Director of University Dining Services; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Bill B-8-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**27th Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Councilor Walker Parsons, Councilor Cody Strubel, Senator Jack Rudder

**Sponsors:** Councilor Bryce Holt, Councilor Sarah Clevenger, Councilor Isabella Mavigliano, Councilor Liam Schapers, Councilor Charlie Eigner, Councilor Eleanor Israel

**Endorsements:** Senator Seth Hudson, Senator Jack Rudder, Vice President for Student Affairs Luke Dille

**A BILL TO REQUIRE A READING OF THE SGA MISSION STATEMENT AND  
CAPSTONE CREED PRIOR TO ALL SENATE AND FIRST YEAR COUNCIL  
MEETINGS AND TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS CHAPTERS 302.5, 303.5, 904.5, and  
908**

*Be It enacted by The First Year Council of The Student Government Association assembled*

Section 1. Findings:

- Considering that the Senate and The First Year Council are legislative bodies within the Student Government Association and act as a representation of the student body.
- Noting that even as two senators regularly read read both the SGA Mission Statement and Capstone Creed aloud before senate meetings start, there is no written mandate requiring it.
- Hoping to remind both senators and councilors of their duty to the University of Alabama and their constituents before they undertake in Senate or First Year Council meetings

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

Chapter 302.5 Miscellaneous Meetings

Chapter 302.5.1 Senators are required to attend any Senate retreats or workshops, unless a conflict arises due to another engagement in which they officially represent the University of Alabama or the Student Government Association.

Chapter 302.5.2 Failure to notify the Secretary of the Senate of their inability to attend scheduled Senate retreats or scheduled Senate workshops shall result in the accrual of one unexcused absence.

Chapter 302.5.3 A Senator shall accrue one half (1/2) unexcused absence for each regular session of Senate proxied.

Chapter 302.5.4 A Senator shall accrue no absence for each regular session of the Senate where a proxy is accompanied by an approved excuse.

Chapter 302.5.5 Following the taking of attendance in all Senate sessions, regular or special, 2 Senators will be called in front of the assembly by the Speaker of the Senate to read the SGA Mission Statement and Capstone Creed.

Chapter 302.5.6 The first Senator will read the SGA Mission Statement and the second shall read the Capstone Creed.

Chapter 302.5.7 The Secretary of the Senate will choose two Senators via a selection method of their choice and notify selected Senators.

Chapter 302.5.9 If a Senator who has been selected to read the SGA Mission Statement or Capstone Creed is not in attendance of a Senate session, the Speaker of the Senate may take volunteers from the floor or read in their place.

Chapter 303.5 The Secretary of the Senate

Chapter 303.5.1 The Secretary of the Senate shall be a Senator that is chosen from within the membership of the Senate by a majority vote of the Senate.

Chapter 303.5.2 The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for making available the voting, office hours, and attendance records of the Senators.

Chapter 303.5.3 The Secretary of the Senate shall not have the authority to amend legislation that the SGA President has signed.

Chapter 303.5.4 The Secretary of the Senate shall receive a salary that is determined by the SGA Executive Council and approved by the SGA Senate.

Chapter 303.5.5 The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for sending the outcomes of each document voted on during a Senate session through recording minutes to the Webmaster who will update whether the document has passed or failed under the legislative document tab on the SGA website.

Chapter 303.5.6 The Secretary of the Senate shall not be forced to give up any rights that he or she has gained as a Senator. The Secretary of the Senate retains the right to vote on business that comes before the Senate floor.

Chapter 303.5.7 The Secretary of the Senate shall select 2 Senators to read the SGA Mission Statement and Capstone Creed via a selection method of their choice and notify selected Senators prior to Senate Sessions.

Chapter 904.5 The Secretary of the First Year Council shall:

Chapter 904.5.1 Be elected from within the membership of the First Year Council by a majority vote, fifty percent plus one vote, of the First Year Council.

Chapter 904.5.2 Prepare legislation for First Year Councilors to review.

Chapter 904.5.3 Maintain a record of all proceedings of the First Year Councilors and attendance of its members.

Chapter 904.5.4 Maintain a record of all final copies of legislation passed by the First Year Council.

Chapter 904.5.5 Provide copies of all legislation passed by the First Year Council to the SGA Webmaster, to post FYC legislation on the SGA Website.

Chapter 904.5.6 Select 2 Councilors to read the SGA Mission Statement and Capstone Creed via a selection method of their choice and notify selected Councilors.

Chapter 908 Formal Protocol of First Year Council

Chapter 908.1 During First Year Council Meetings the Speaker of First Year Council shall be addressed as "Speaker" followed by his or her Last Name.

Chapter 908.2 In the case of the SGA President attending a First Year Council meeting the SGA President will then be addressed as "Mr. or Madame President" and the Vice President for Student Affairs will be addressed as "Mr. or Madame Vice President."

Chapter 908.3 Council members will be addressed as "Councilor" followed by their Last Name.

Chapter 908.4 First Year Council dress code for formal First Year Council meetings:

Chapter 908.4.1 It is recommended that all council members wear business attire for all formal First Year Council meetings and all special sessions called by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Chapter 908.4.2 A formal First Year Council meeting is defined as any non-committee, full session First Year Council meeting.

Chapter 908.4.3 Definition of business attire for men: suit or sport coat, slacks, button down shirt, necktie, and dress shoes.

Chapter 908.4.4 Definition of business attire for women: business suit, pant suit, skirt and blouse, or dress; and dress shoes.

Chapter 908.5 Following the taking of attendance in all First Year Council sessions, 2 Councilors will be called in front of the assembly by the Speaker of the First Year Council to read the SGA Mission Statement and Capstone Creed.

Chapter 908.5.1 The first Councilor will read the SGA Mission Statement and the second shall read the Capstone Creed.

Chapter 908.5.2 The Secretary of the First Year Council will choose two Councilors via a selection method of their choice and notify selected Councilors.

Chapter 908.5.4 If a Councilor who has been selected to read the SGA Mission Statement or Capstone Creed is not in attendance of a Senate session, the Speaker of the First Year Council may take volunteers from the floor or read in their place.

### Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill will be sent to Alex Howard and Nick Tolbert, Co-Directors of First Year Council; Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor; Clair Dubreuli, Director of Communications; Trinity Hunter, Press Secretary; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Sid Elkins, Director of IT and Webmaster; Bhavana Ravala, Editor-in-Chief, The Crimson White; Madeline Martin, President of SGA; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

### Section 4. Date of effect:

This bill will go into effect directly after passage into the code of laws.



**A-6-23**

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

**Authors:** Vice President for Financial Affairs, Laurnyn Parker

**Sponsors:**

**Endorsements:**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN SGA STIPEND**

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

**Section 1. The Senate finds the following:**

- a. Article III Section 7, Subsection G of the SGA Constitution mandates that the Student Senate establish a pay scale.
- b. The extensive time commitment from officers within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches often prohibits them from obtaining other employment.
- c. For many SGA officers, their weekly time commitment is in significant excess of the 12 office hours per week mandatory minimum for the Executive Council and the 6 office hours per week mandatory minimum for all other positions codified in the SGA Code of Laws.
- d. Stipends provide compensation to these officers and other members of SGA to ensure work of the highest standard and allow students with financial need to worry less regarding obtaining outside employment.
- e. The SGA Code of Laws, Chapter 200.3.5, states that no salary shall be authorized for an officer who has not met his or her minimum office hours.

f. Chapter 204.1 of the SGA Code of Laws states that in the event that a paid executive officer fails to complete any duty of office, the Executive Secretary will notify the Attorney General, who may *halt* a monthly payment if an officer does not complete his or her duties.

g. According to C-08-19, the Vice President for Financial Affairs shall “prepare a pay scale for the upcoming year that will be presented to the incoming officers as their pay scale”

h. According to C-08-19, “In the event that a position is added, modified, or deleted in the SGA Code of laws or SGA constitution, the incoming VPFA will retain the ability to modify the pay scale for that office”.

i. These recommendations are based on research of other Southeastern Conference Student Government stipend periods.

**Section 2. The SGA Senate shall establish the following stipend schedule per C-08-19. This stipend schedule shall take effect immediately for the newly elected and duly sworn officers of the Student Government Association in the March 2023 elections:**

1. The **SGA President** shall receive \$4,200 total over a period of twelve (12) months and is required to be present and working on campus. If the President will not be present and working on campus during May - August the President shall receive a prorated stipend for September □ April equal to \$3,150.

2. The following positions shall receive the total amount noted below allocated over a period of twelve (12) months, and are required to be present and working on campus. If any person is not present and working on campus during May - August, the person shall receive a prorated stipend equal to nine (9) months of stipend for the time period of September - April.

1. **Executive Vice President** - \$3,000 (yearly), \$2,250 (prorated)
2. **Vice President Academic Affairs** - \$3,000 (yearly), \$2,250 (prorated)
3. **Vice President External Affairs** - \$3,000 (yearly), \$2,250 (prorated)
4. **Vice President Financial Affairs** - \$3,000 (yearly), \$2,250 (prorated)
5. **Vice President Student Affairs** - \$3,000 (yearly), \$2,250 (prorated)
6. **Vice President for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion** - \$3,000 (yearly), \$2,250

(prorated)

g. **Chief Justice** - \$1,920 (yearly), \$1,440 (prorated)

3. The following positions shall receive the total amount noted below allocated over a period of eight (8) months for September - April.

1. **Executive Secretary** - \$2,250
2. **Chief of Staff** - \$1,665
3. **Speaker of Senate** - \$1,440

4. **Attorney General** - \$765
5. **Treasurer** - \$765
6. **Director of Communications** - \$675
7. **Director of Engagement** - \$675
8. **Director of Programming** - \$675
9. **Director of Environmental Affairs** - \$675
10. **Director of Strategic Initiatives** - \$675
11. **Director of IT and Webmaster** - \$675
12. **Chief Administrative Officer** - \$405
13. **Press Secretary** - \$405
14. **Chief Advisor to the President** - \$405
15. **Deputy Chief of Staff**- \$205
16. **Deputy Chief of Staff**- \$205
17. **Deputy Chief of Staff**- \$205
18. **Secretary of the Senate**- \$205

**Section 3: Provision Allowing for the Minor Adjustment:** This legislation shall include a provision allowing modifications regarding the distribution, method of payment, or minor modifications related to the amount of payment, pursuant to Kendra Powell, Associate Director of Business Services for the University Division of Student Life and/or the Vice President for Financial Affairs if deemed necessary to carry out the payment of officers. These modifications, if at all necessary, would be communicated to Senate and would only be required due to errors or changes in University policy regarding the payment of students.

**Section 4: Provision Allowing for the Dissolution of Positions:** This legislation shall include a provision noting that per the SGA constitution, “In the event that a position is deleted, modified, or added in the SGA Code of Laws or SGA Constitution, the incoming VPFA will retain the ability to modify the pay scale for that office”

**Section 5: Distribution of Copies:** Copies of this act be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA Lauryn Parker, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Angel Narvez-Lugo, Director of Student Governance and Citizenship; Mrs. Kendra Powell, Director of Operations, SL Business Services; all members of the SGA whose positions are to receive a stipend via this Act; and The Crimson White Media Group for informational purposes.





**R-13-22**

The University of Alabama

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

**Authors:** Senator Karina Collins, Senator Elizabeth Prophet

**Sponsors:** Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Tyler Tannehill

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDENT RECRUITMENT AMBASSADORS TO  
RECEIVE COMPENSATION**

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

*WHEREAS*, The ambassador groups on The University of Alabama's campus are official student representatives, tour guides, and/or student recruitment agents for their deemed college, organization, or this university.

*WHEREAS*, The student recruitment ambassador groups that are currently represented on our campus are: Capstone College of Nursing, College of Human Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Communication and Information Sciences, Culverhouse College of Business, College of Education, College of Engineering, School of Social Work, Honors College, University Stewards, Blount Scholars Program Ambassadors, and Capstone Men and Women.

*WHEREAS*, The current student recruitment ambassador groups on this campus who are known to receive compensation in the form of salary, scholarships, or college credit are: The College of Engineering, The College of Arts and Sciences, The Culverhouse College of Business, and Capstone Men and Women.

*WHEREAS*, The current student recruitment ambassadors on this campus who are known to not receive compensation are: The Capstone College of Nursing, The College of Education, The College of Communication and Information Sciences, The College of Human Environmental Sciences, The School of Social Work, Honors College Ambassadors, University Stewards, and Blount Scholars Program Ambassadors.

*WHEREAS*, The Capstone College of Nursing Ambassadors are the official student representatives for the College. Primary activities include tours of the facility, recruitment of prospective students, assisting with advising appointments, production of the homecoming float, and assisting with events hosted by the Capstone College of Nursing.

*WHEREAS*, The College of Education Ambassadors must work a dedicated number of service hours, attend regular meetings, assist faculty and staff, alumni, and students during football game weekends and special events, give informational tours to prospective students, and other duties specified by their advisors. As a result of this, each College of Education ambassador utilizes three hours or more of their time each week for individual tours, tabling events for prospective students, and so forth.

*WHEREAS*, The College of Communication and Information Sciences Ambassadors assist with walk-in advising sessions, tailgates, C&IS Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Visting Day tabling, board of donor events, speak on class panels, and give at least two tours a month plus an event per ambassador. These tours usually take place in the Reese Phiifer building and the digital media center within Bryant Denny stadium.

*WHEREAS*, The College of Human Environmental Sciences Ambassadors are required to do a certain number of hours each semester to represent their college during Honors Day, Homecoming, Graduation, recruiting events, tours, and pop-up events for current students. These pop-up events can consist of Hot Cocoa Bars, Home for the Holidays luggage tags, Doster Donut Day, and so forth.

*WHEREAS*, The School of Social Work Ambassadors represent the school by assisting in various events, largely related to recruitment and retention. In addition to leading tours of Little Hall, ambassadors assist with events such as Bama Bound (freshman and transfer orientation), University Days, Capstone Scholars Day, Homecoming events, Career Days, and colloquium hosted by the school.

*WHEREAS*, Honors College Ambassadors, meet with prospective students through tours, lunches at Lakeside Dining, and/or recruitment events. During these events, the ambassadors conduct conversations with students on why they should not only come to The University of Alabama but also enrich their education and experience by joining the Honors College. Honors College Ambassadors also work and create events such as Honors College coffee hours to strengthen their relationships with prospective and current students, along with Honors College convocation during the beginning of the year. The Honors College Ambassadors help with a minimum of 10 events per semester but frequently do more.

*WHEREAS*, University Stewards is a student organization under the Undergraduate Admissions department whose purpose shall be to aid The University of Alabama in the vital function of student recruitment. University Stewards make a personal connection with prospective students and their families by taking them to lunch at a campus dining hall while answering all questions about life at UA. University Stewards also give residence hall tours and serve as stewards for other recruiting functions on campus and at receptions and high schools across the nation.

*WHEREAS*, Blount Scholars Program Ambassadors give tours to prospective students of each building Blount Scholars utilize on campus. They are also a part of the interview process, which takes around a month, for prospective Blount students during the spring semester. Blount Scholars Program Ambassadors are also currently exploring social media outlets and outreach programs to increase enrollment in the Blount Scholars program.

*WHEREAS*, According to the survey conducted by Senator Collins and Senator Prophet, which closed November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:45 pm, 96 individuals responded, of that, 83 individuals voted that they do not receive compensation of any sort, while 13 individuals voted that they do receive compensation in the form of a salary, scholarship, or college credit.

*WHEREAS*, Student Ambassadors from 18 different programs responded to the survey, the most responses coming from Honors College Ambassadors at 28, and “Other” at 31. “Other” included programs such as nursing, student alumni, and research ambassadors.

*WHEREAS*, Of the 96 individuals surveyed, 77 voted yes to the question “Do you believe that all student ambassadors should be compensated for their work by the University?”, 13 voted no, and 6 selected the ‘other’ option, often stating that it “depends”, or they were “unsure.”

*WHEREAS*, Of the 96 individuals surveyed, 23 responded to the question, “Do you have any other input you would like to share?”

*WHEREAS*, Student commentary included “I have really enjoyed being able to make an impact on the campus community. I had to choose between getting a part time job and being an ambassador, so I turned down opportunities in the past but being compensated in this position offered the ability to work on campus and make an impact.”

*WHEREAS*, Student commentary included “Being an ambassador and not receiving compensation makes it a privilege game for students who do not have to work jobs that receive compensation. If all ambassador programs were paid it would be more accessible for those students who normally can't afford to participate in programs such as this. If this should be our “first” priority then pay us, we can't prioritize something that doesn't help us in the way we help them.”

*WHEREAS*, Student commentary included “I think that, while admirable, recognition is not enough for volunteer ambassadors. As more and more students are interested in the University, steps need to be taken to ensure that we are not asking ambassadors to do TOO much without any reward. I genuinely enjoy meeting with prospective students and families, which is why I have stayed in the program. However, we are expected to be leaders across campus to be able to speak to different experiences, a task that is not easy to manage in addition to the commitment of being an ambassador. It is especially frustrating to know that others in similar positions are being compensated for their time!”

*THEREFORE, be it resolved,* That the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate of The University of Alabama Student Government Association suggests that The University of Alabama administration develop and implement a plan for compensating student recruitment ambassadors for their work.

*Be it further resolved,* That the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate of the UA Student Government Association encourages that this plan does not take away funding from existing program budgets, but instead uses revenue from recruitment, endowment, or some other source because the University directly benefits from student ambassador efforts.

*Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to:* Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Matthew M. Fajack, University of Alabama Vice President Finance and Operations; Dr. James Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Angel Navarez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; Madeline Martin, SGA President; Luke Dille, SGA Vice President of Student Affairs, Lauryn Parker SGA Vice President of Financial Affairs; The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Resolution R-14-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Viprav Raju, Senator Tolulope Kolapo

**Sponsors:**

**Endorsements:** Madeline Martin, Student Government Association President; Royce Dickerson, Graduate Student Association President; Dalis Lampkins, Graduate Student Association

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO  
INCORPORATE GRAMMARLY PRERMIUM AS PART OF THE IT/SOFTWARE  
AVAILABILITY**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Student Government Association supports the academic success of all students and the improvement of the writing skills of all students, faculty, and staff; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Writing Center provides excellent resources for undergraduate and graduate students for appointments to review assignments and papers but may be booked for quick reviews on short assignments; and

*WHEREAS*, Grammarly is always accessible, on all days of the week, and on many devices and software and improves grammar, spelling, readability, and conciseness; and

*WHEREAS*, Grammarly Premium includes features that make writer clearer and can suggest restructuring lengthy sentences to make them more understandable, aids in the accurate use of formality, includes formatting suggestions, a plagiarism detector, etc., and

*WHEREAS*, users of Grammarly Premium reported that more than 90% of students saw improved writing grades and more than 80% of users became stronger writers,

*WHEREAS*, Grammarly Premium assists with citations to avoid plagiarism and would assist international students from a non-English speaking background that may have less experience writing in English for assignments, and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama offers free access to Microsoft Office 365 to all students, faculty, and staff that includes Microsoft Word, and

*WHEREAS*, Grammarly software is available as a Microsoft Office Word plug-in, making integration of Grammarly seamless, and

*WHEREAS*, Grammarly is trusted and utilized by over 3,000 institutions including UCLA, Harvard Medical School, Penn State University, Cornell University, University of Florida, Indiana University, Johns Hopkins University, Northwestern University, University of Virginia, among others.

*WHEREAS*, Grammarly Premium could be a very important aid to graduate students, international students and students with learning disabilities.

**THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for The University of Alabama adopting Grammarly Premium as a benefit for students.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Mike Shelton, Deputy Chief Information Officer; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice-President for Student Life; Matthew Fajack, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Madeline Martin, SGA President; Josie Schmitt, SGA Executive Secretary; Caleb Thome, SGA Chief Justice; David Strickland, SGA Attorney General, Cameron Doyle, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs, Luke Dille, SGA Vice President for Student Affairs; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; *The Crimson White* and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Resolution R-15-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Senate 2022-2023**

**Authors:** Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Viprav Raju, Senator Tolulope Kolapo

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

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
WOMEN AND GENDER RESOURCE CENTER**

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

*WHEREAS*, the University of Alabama Women and Gender Resource Center provides free, confidential, and voluntary counseling and advocacy services to members of The University of Alabama and fosters a community of multiculturalism, justice, safety, and leadership through gender-related outreach, advocacy, and support to communities.

*WHEREAS*, the UA Women and Gender Resource Center offers a variety of programming designed to promote disparities in academia, government, and the workforce as well as offers programs that include yearlong efforts such as the Student Leadership Council, gender specific mentoring programs, and Momentum which is a Women's Dissertation and Thesis Support Group as well as one-time programs like pay negotiation workshops and Ready to Run.

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

*WHEREAS*, the UA Women and Gender Resource Center provides services that include crisis intervention, advocacy, individual counseling, and group therapy which are all free, confidential, and voluntary.



WHEREAS, the UA Women and Gender Resource Center provides opportunity for students, staff, faculty, and community members to be engaged in various ways including volunteering, internships, mentoring opportunities, the student leadership council, etc.

***THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED***, that the Student Government Association Senate commends the diligent, timely, compassionate, and student-centered work The University of Alabama Women and Gender Resource Center provides to best serve the student body daily under the direction of Dr. Elle Shaaban-Magaña, Dr. Jaclyn Northrup, and Shannon Welch.

***Be it further resolved***, copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Elle Shaaban-Magaña, Executive Director of the Women and Gender Resource Center; 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; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.