



The University of Alabama

27th Student Senate

2022-2023

Agenda for March 9th, 2023 Special Session

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Chair, Rules

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Chair, Ethics

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Director of Initiatives

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Bill B-5-23

The University of Alabama

27th 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 28th 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.



Bill B-6-23
The University of Alabama
27th 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
27th 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

27th 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.



A-5-23

The University of Alabama 27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Lauryn Parker; Vice President for Financial Affairs, John McLendon; Chair of Financial Affairs Senate Committee

Endorsements: Eric Doh; SGA Treasurer

**AN ACT TO APPROVE THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING
REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2023**

Section 1. Findings:

1. The Financial Affairs Committee met on March 6th, 2023.
2. The committee heard 29 requests from 29 organizations before making its decisions.
3. \$25,939.30 was deducted from organizations' requested amount due to the funding price cap of \$7,500.00 per organization per fiscal year, merchandise and beverages not allowed for funding, the \$500 individual traveler cap per fiscal year, and the inability to request money for fundraisers.
4. 71.48% of the total requested amount was awarded.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. ***Therefore, be it resolved,*** the Senate approves the following FAC funding requests by SOURCE student organizations for a total award of \$65,000 with details listed in the Excel sheet attached.
2. ***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Vice-President for Student Life; Dr. Steven Hood; Cassie Yaeger, FAC Advisor; Rebecca Griesbach, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; Angel Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor



R-9-23
The University of Alabama
27th Senate 2022-2023

Authored By: Senator Tolulope Kolapo, Senator Jenifer 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-service that is available to students in summer and those available are confined to on campus housing; and

WHEREAS Currently, The Crimson Ride provides its full transportation service that covers residential and off-campus housing both in fall and spring semesters; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has students enrolled in summer classes, to include graduate students who teach and conduct research during the summer terms, most of whom rely on Crimson Ride transportation and become stranded without means of transportation during summer; and

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 in Fall and Spring semester to reduce the stress on these students and create a conducive learning environment in Summer; NOW

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 attending or teaching classes in Summer; and

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 at the residential areas in the morning and evenings such that students can plan; accordingly, and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Matthew Fajack, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Bhavana Ravala, Editor-In-Chief of The Crimson White; Madeline Martin, President of the Student Government Association; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of the Student Government Association; 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
2022-2023 FYC

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 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 at least 24 hours prior to Senate sessions, regular or special, via a selection method of his or her choosing.

Chapter 302.5.8 The Secretary of the Senate shall notify the Senators selected at least 24 hours prior to Senate sessions, regular or special, via email.

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 shall read in their place, regardless if the absent Senator has a proxy or not.

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 Select 2 Senators to read the SGA Mission Statement and Capstone Creed via a selection method of his or her choosing 24 hours prior to all Senate sessions, regular or special.

904.5.7 Notify the selected Senators 24 hours prior to all Senate sessions, regular or special via email.

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 his or her choosing 24 hours prior to all scheduled First Year Council sessions.

904.5.7 Notify the selected councilors 24 hours prior to First Year Council sessions via email.

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 at least 24 hours prior to First Year Council sessions via a selection method of his or her choosing.

Chapter 908.5.3 The Secretary of the First Year Council shall notify the Councilors selected at least 24 hours prior to First Year Council meetings via crimson email.

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 Senate shall read in their place, regardless if the absent Councilor has a proxy or not.

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.



Bill B-9-23
The University of Alabama
First Year Council 2022-2023

Authors: Councilor Eleanor Israel, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Karina Collins

Sponsors: Councilor Emily Adcock, Councilor Brody Garmany, Councilor Liam Schaeppers

Endorsements: Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Karina Collins

**A BILL TO PROVIDE CLARITY ON LEGISLATION PASSAGE AND FAILURE IN
REAFFIRMATION OF B-19-22 and B-20-22**

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

Section 1. Findings:

A. The First Year Council's legislative docket is now publicly accessible online. B. SGA members and members of the public can view proposed legislation but have no way of knowing whether legislation has passed, failed, or is in committee.

C. The Senate has adopted a model of legislation publication that indicates in a spreadsheet format whether or not legislation has passed, failed, or been referred to a committee. D. First Year Council is modeled after the Senate for the purposes of transparently representing student interests on campus.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Chapter 202. Appointed Officers Chapter

202.1 Webmaster Chapter

200.1.3 Duties and Restrictions

Chapter 202.1.3.5 The SGA Webmaster shall be responsible for receiving the outcomes of Senate sessions from the Secretary of the Senate and First Year Council sessions from the Secretary of First Year Council and updating whether each document has passed or failed under the legislative documents tab on the SGA website. Minutes from each session will be reported from the Secretary and the Webmaster will add these minutes under the dockets tab.

Chapter 400.3 Resolutions

Chapter 400.3.1 Resolutions are hereby defined as expressions of sentiment by the Senate body.

Chapter 400.3.2 Resolutions are not subject to presidential veto.

Chapter 400.3.3 Resolutions shall be designated with the letter "R", followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.3.4 Resolutions which encourage specific actions will be considered nonbinding, unless the encouraged action was an initiative to be undertaken exclusively by the Senate. **Chapter 400.3.5** Resolutions shall be first introduced by reading at length by the author on the Senate floor, but such reading may be disposed of by unanimous consent.

Chapter 400.3.6 At a sponsor's request, an approved resolution may be enrolled and mailed at Senate expense, with the document possessing the signatures of the Secretary of the Senate and the Speaker of the Senate.

Chapter 400.3.7 The Secretary of the Senate shall be allowed to correct typographical and grammatical errors within a resolution prior to enrollment but must notify the sponsor if changes were made.

Chapter 400.3.8 Copies of all approved resolutions must be sent to the Crimson

White. **Chapter 400.3.9** Resolutions shall not be subject to automatic committee referral by the Speaker of the Senate and may be immediately considered following the first reading.

This shall not be true for resolutions including financial allocations.

Chapter 400.3.10 The outcome of each resolution voted during a Senate or First Year Council session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the resolution resides on the SGA website.

Chapter 400.4 Acts

Chapter 400.4.1 Acts are hereby defined as legislation which compels an action by the SGA including, but not limited to, the disbursement of funds, participation in certain events, and sponsorship of certain events by the SGA.

Chapter 400.4.2 Acts are subject to veto by the SGA President at his or her discretion.

Chapter 400.4.3 Acts shall be designated with the letter "A", followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.4.4 The Senate Committee on Finance shall have oversight over all acts which involve disbursement of funds from SGA accounts.

Chapter 400.4.5 Expenditures approved by the Financial Affairs Committee shall be put in the form of an act.

Chapter 400.4.6 Acts expressly written for the purposes of

Chapter 400.4.5 are not subject to committee action and shall be immediately considered on the Senate floor.

Chapter 400.4.7 Copies of all acts approved by the Senate shall be sent to the Crimson

White. Chapter 400.4.8 The outcome of each act voted during a Senate or First Year Council session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the act resides on the SGA website.

Chapter 400.5 Bills

Chapter 400.5.1 A bill is hereby defined as a piece of legislation whose express purpose is to add, remove, or otherwise amend the text of the SGA Code of Laws or the Senate Rules and Regulations.

Chapter 400.5.2 Bills shall be subject to veto by the SGA President.

Chapter 400.5.3 Bills shall be designated with the letter “B”, followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.5.4 If a piece of legislation submitted under the auspices of a bill is found to be outside the restrictions placed by Chapter 400.5.1, then said legislation shall automatically fail, and the motion to reconsider shall be out of order.

Chapter 400.5.5 Copies of all bills approved by the Senate shall be sent to the Crimson

White upon signature by the SGA President or its otherwise becoming law. **Chapter 400.5.6** The outcome of each bill voted during a Senate or First Year Council session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the bill resides on the SGA website.

Chapter 400.6 Constitutional Amendments

Chapter 400.6.1 A constitutional amendment is hereby defined as a special resolution whose express purpose is to propose changes to the language and content of the SGA Constitution. **Chapter 400.6.2** Constitutional amendments shall not be subject to veto by the SGA President, but must be approved by referendum among the University of Alabama student body.

Chapter 400.6.3 Legislation for constitutional amendments shall be designated with the letter “C”, followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.6.4 The outcome of each amendment voted during a Senate or First Year Council session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the amendment resides on the SGA website.

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

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President, Trinity Hunter, SGA Press Secretary, the SGA Webmaster, Angel-Narvaez Lugo, SGA Advisor, The Crimson White