

**Bill B-10-23**

**The University of Alabama**

**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Parsons, Speaker Rudder

**Sponsors:** Senator Denning, Senator Sweda, Senator Clevenger

**Endorsements:**

**A Bill to Amend the Senate Rules and Regulations to Better Reflect Our Current Committees**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The 28<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Student Government Association at the University of Alabama adheres to strict guidelines regarding its structure and procedure.
- B. The current Senate Rules and Regulations feature dated information regarding committees and their functions.
- C. The emphasis within the SGA for DEI and Ethics should be reflected in the Senate by its committees.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

**Chapter 300.1** The Senate will maintain the Committee on Academic Affairs, the Committee on **Ethics and Oversight**, the Committee on External Affairs, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Rules, ~~the Committee on Resolutions~~ **the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**, and the Committee on Student Affairs.

**Chapter 300.1.3** ~~The Resolutions Committee's~~ **The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee's** duties shall include but are not limited to:

~~**Chapter 300.1.3.1** Handling issues that commend faculty, staff and students for enhancing various aspects of The University of Alabama.~~

**Chapter 300.1.3.1** Promoting and advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives within the University of Alabama student body.

~~**Chapter 300.1.3.2** Deals with issues that express urgency for action to take place at the University of Alabama dealing with: Student Opinion, Campus Safety, and Student/Faculty Relations.~~

**Chapter 300.1.3.2** Addressing issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus.

**Chapter 300.1.3.3** Collaborating with relevant university offices and organizations to advance diversity and inclusion efforts.

**Chapter 300.1.3.4** Proposing and supporting legislation and initiatives that enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Alabama.

**Chapter 300.1.3.5** Working with the Student Government Association Executive Council, specifically the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and their cabinet.

**Chapter 300.1.7** The **Ethics and** Oversight Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

**Chapter 300.1.7.1** Enforcing the Senate's attendance policy.

**Chapter 300.1.7.2** Hearing of any ethical issues which may arise due to the actions of Senate members.

**Chapter 300.1.7.3** Issuing penalties to Senate members for ethical infractions, when necessary.

**Chapter 300.1.7.4** Receive after-action reports of projects executed by the Executive and/or Judicial branches, and present resolutions to the Senate floor for adopting such reports.

**Chapter 300.1.7.5** Addressing issues related to ethical concerns on campus.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of legislation may be sent to any individual necessary. This often includes The Crimson White, President Bell, administrators, individuals that aided in crafting the legislation, etc.



## **Bill B-11-23**

### **The University of Alabama**

#### **28th Student Senate 2023-2024**

**Authored by:** Vice President for Financial Affairs, Eric Doh, Senator Walker Parsons, Chair, SGA Senate Finance Committee

**Sponsors:** Nick Tolbert, SGA Treasurer

#### **A Bill TO RATIFY THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR**

*WHEREAS*, the Senate has the responsibility of adopting a budget to ensure the efficient operation of the Student Government Association; and

*WHEREAS*, the Vice President for Financial Affairs is obligated to present to the Senate a budget for the upcoming fiscal year; now,

*THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT*, The Senate approves the following budget items for the 2024 Fiscal Year as adopted by the Senate Committee on Finance

- I. Academic Affairs is allocated \$4,000
- II. Awards Banquet is allocated \$7,830
- III. Better Relations Day is allocated \$5,500
- IV. Communications is allocated \$3,300
- V. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion is allocated \$4,000
- VI. Elections is allocated \$8,600
- VII. Executive Vice President \$2,500

- VIII. External Affairs is allocated \$4,000
- IX. FAC Expenses is allocated \$1,000
- X. Financial Affairs is allocated \$1,000
- XI. First Year Council is allocated \$2,000
- XII. Student Judicial is allocated \$1,000
- XIII. SGA Legal Services \$30,000
- XIV. Senate is allocated \$2,000
- XV. Student Affairs is allocated \$4,000
- XVI. Technology is allocated \$3,000

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT*, The Senate allocates \$73,270 to the Executive General Fund as part of the Executive Operating Budget.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT*, The Senate allocates \$200,000 to the Financial Affairs Committee (FAC) for reimbursement of organizational expenditures.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT*, Copies of this act be sent to the following: Dr. Steven Hood, Vice President of Student Life; Tynan Kozak, Director of Student Life Business Services; Kendra Powell, Director of Operations for Student Life Business Services; Cassie Yeager, FAC Advisor; all members of the SGA Executive Council; and The Crimson White for informational purposes.



**A-7-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Eric Doh, Vice-President of Financial Affairs; Senator Walker Parsons

**Sponsors:** Senator Leo Denning, Senator Stella Jeffcoat, Senator Connor Hux, Senator Phillip Krauss

**Endorsements:** Collier Dobbs, President; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice-President; Johnny Foster, Vice-President of Academic Affairs; Andrew Fairburn, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Samad Gillani, Vice-President of External Affairs; Olivia Frazier, Executive Secretary; Bella Loia, Vice-President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Meghan Haran, Chief of Staff

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

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

**Section 1. Findings:**

1. The Financial Affairs Committee met on September 18th, 2023.
2. The committee heard 12 requests from 10 organizations before making its decisions.

3. \$1,178.59 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. 100% 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 \$28,577.81 with details listed in the Excel sheet attached.
2. ***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Cassie Yeager, FAC Advisor; and Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief.

**Resolution R-17-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Aydan Graham, Senator Ella Brown, Senator Jenni Page

**Sponsors:** Senator Mia Ford

**Endorsements:** Bella Loia, Vice President of DEI; Madison Cowart, President of Delta Zeta Alpha Gamma Chapter

**A RESOLUTION HONORING VIRGINIA “CRICKET” ELIZABETH DAVIS**

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

*WHEREAS*, Virginia Elizabeth Davis, known as Cricket to her friends, was an intelligent, happy, smiling young woman and a light in our community and the student body.

*WHEREAS*, Cricket was a bright and committed student not only at the University of Alabama but also at her High School, The Altamont School in Birmingham, where she was involved in many clubs. She had aspirations of attending law school in the future; Cambridge University was her goal.

*WHEREAS*, Cricket enjoyed music sincerely. She loved writing music, singing, and playing the piano. She had a beautiful voice and showcased her talent at multiple school functions and an open mic in New York City. Cricket was Taylor Swift’s biggest fan.

*WHEREAS*, Cricket will be deeply missed by her friends, the sisters of Delta Zeta Alpha Gamma Chapter, The Panhellenic Community, and the student body at The University of Alabama.

**THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, Virginia Elizabeth Davis will be remembered and honored by all those who knew her and recognized at the University of Alabama through the Student Government Association which extends its sincerest sympathies and prayers to her friends, family, and sorority.**

**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 of Student Life; Collier Dobbs, President of the Student Government Association; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

**Resolution R-18-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Aydan Graham, Senator Sarah Clevenger

**Sponsors:** Senator Kameron Prim, Senator Tolulope Kolapo, Senator Chloe Pickle, Senator Dillon Cook, Senator Anne Lauren Ermert, Senator Kaelyn Thames, Senator Brooke Garvey, Senator Walker Parsons, Senator Riley Jordan, Senator Megan Bonhaus, Senator Kendall Stanton, Senator Lucy Bonhaus, Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff, Senator Charlie Eigner, Senator Hidy Kirkpatrick, Senator Stella Jeffcoat, Senator Katherine Gray

**Endorsements:** Vice President of DEI Bella Loia, Assistant Director of Disability Affairs Aubrei Grisaffe, Vice President of Student Affairs Andrew Fairburn, Vice President of Academic Affairs Johnny Foster, Executive Secretary Olivia Frazier, Executive Director of Transportation Services Chris D'Esposito, Associate Director of Transportation Services James Knickrehm,

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON  
RIDE TRANSIT TO ADD A BUS STOP OFF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD AND ANNA  
AVENUE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CROSSING POINTS STUDENTS**

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

*WHEREAS*, The CrossingPoints program is a 3-year inclusive higher education program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Currently, their building is off Anna Avenue and University Boulevard.

*WHEREAS*, The CrossingPoints students are housed in Presidential Village and are reliant on the Crimson Ride in order to get places on campus; especially students who have physical disabilities. The walk from even the closest bus stop to the CrossingPoints building can take upwards of 20 minutes and the commute from Presidential Village can take up to 45 minutes.

*WHEREAS*, Adding another stop at or around Anna Avenue will increase accessibility to not only the CrossingPoints Building but also, Newk's, Arby's, and the Starbucks off University Boulevard and benefit the entire student body.

*WHEREAS*, Adding another stop will also increase accessibility to Butler Field, the Million Dollar Band's practice field, and the UA Autism Spectrum Disorders Clinic.

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, The Student Government Association urges the University and the Department of Transportation Services to add another stop at or around Anna Avenue and University Boulevard.

***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 of Student Life; Bethany Graham;



James Knickrehm, Assistant Director of Transportation Services; Dr. Rupert Perez Associate Vice President for Student Health and Wellbeing; Ashlee Woods, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; Executive Director of Transportation Services Chris D'Esposito, Associate Director of Transportation Services James Knickrehm; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

**Resolution R-20-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Eleanor Israel

**Sponsors:** Senator Abbott, Senator Wiltshire

**Endorsements:**

**A Resolution to Explore  
Counseling Center  
Scholarships**

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

*WHEREAS*, the Student Government Association has established emergency scholarship funds for those in need; and

*WHEREAS*, counseling is frequently an essential service to students' ability to continue functioning in school; and

*WHEREAS*, the current counseling center fee is \$15 dollars per session post-intake; and

*WHEREAS*, this is financially accessible to many students but may still pose a barrier to some;

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, the Student Government Association Senate recognizes the need for increased financial accessibility in counseling services, and charges the Student Affairs and DEI Committees to explore possibilities for providing a limited, needs-based scholarship for counseling.

***Be it further resolved***, these Committees will provide a joint report to the Senate on its findings by the last Senate Session of 2023 at the latest, and will notify the Speaker and Secretary in advance when they are prepared to present their findings. This report may or may not include the introduction of legislation in the same session, but does require an informative summary for

Senate members on the viability of such a scholarship through any avenue of Student Government.

***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Resolution be sent to:

The Student Government Association Executive Cabinet, Greg Vander Wal, Counseling Center Executive Director, The Crimson White, and any other parties deemed necessary

**Resolution R-21-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Eleanor Israel

**Sponsors:** Senator Abbott, Senator Wiltshire

**Endorsements:**

**A Resolution Affirming the  
Need for Expanded Gluten-  
Sensitive Options On-Campus**

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

*WHEREAS* the Cleveland Clinic lists gluten intolerance as one of the three most common food intolerances in the world; and

*WHEREAS*, Lakeside Dining Hall has a gluten-free station because of the high demand on campus for gluten-sensitive options, and Mary B's offers dedicated gluten sensitive options, but Fresh Food company does not; and

*WHEREAS*, Fresh Food Company is a central location to many class buildings; and

*WHEREAS*, dedicated gluten-free or sensitive options that are ready to serve expedites accommodation; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is committed to health, wellness, and accessibility for their students;

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, the Student Government Association Senate asserts the need for exploration of substantive gluten-sensitive options at Fresh Food Company.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be sent to:

Bruce McVeagh of Aramark Dining, Shirley Miles, Fresh Food Company Director, Delisha Scales, Fresh Food Company Chef Manager, Holly Grof, Dining Services Coordinator, Dr.

Steven Hood, Vice President for Student Life, The Crimson White, and any additional parties deemed necessary

**B-12-23**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Kameron Prim

**Sponsors:** Senator Megan Bonhaus; Senator Aydan Graham; Senator Sarah Clevenger; Senator Katherine Gray; Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff; Senator Ragan Wilson.

**Endorsements:** Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President.

**A BILL TO SYNTHESIZE THE CODE OF LAWS WITH THE CONSTITUTION  
CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTION RULES**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The goal of the Senate is to maximize productivity within the Student Government Association by striving to have all 50 members and swiftly electing new ones in case of attrition.
- B. The Code of Laws is meant to complement the Constitution and therefore should reflect all its ideals when pushing similar concepts.
- C. SGA is no longer responsible for Homecoming, per Constitutional Amendment C-01-22.
- D. Revision of this specific chapter of the Code of Laws to reflect SGA Constitution Article III, Section 4, and should allow for a clearer image of this significant process in the Senate.

Section 2. Legislation:

**Chapter 305 Vacancies**

**Chapter 305.1** Vacancies shall be filled every 20 class days following the first day of fall classes, as per SGA Constitution, Article III.

*Chapter 305.1 Vacancies occurring prior to Homecoming Queen elections will be filled during Homecoming Queen elections, as per the SGA Constitution, Article III.*

**Chapter 305.2** Vacancies occurring within 40 class days of regular SGA elections shall remain empty.

*Chapter 305.2 Vacancies occurring within a month of regular SGA elections shall remain empty.*

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Collier Dobbs, SGA President; John McLendon, Attorney General; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; *The Crimson White*; and anyone else as it may be deemed necessary.