



The University of Alabama 28th Student Senate Agenda for October 12, 2023

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Student Affairs

Ben Staley
Ethics and Oversight

Mia Ford
Rules

Kameron Prim
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Announcements
 - a. Reading of Capstone Creed and Mission Statement
- III. Old Business
 - a. B-12-23 A BILL TO SYNTHESIZE THE CODE OF LAWS WITH THE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTION RULES
 - b. R-19-23 A RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE COUNSELING CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS
 - c. R-20-23 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR EXPANDED GLUTEN-SENSITIVE OPTIONS ON-CAMPUS
- IV. New Business
 - a. A-9-23 AN ACT TO APPROVE THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUESTS SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023
 - b. A-8-23 AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT-LED ORGANIZATIONS ON THE INSTAGRAM
 - c. B-13-23 A BILL TO CLARIFY THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE FIRST YEAR COUNCIL
- V. Adjourn



Bill 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.



**Resolution R-19-23
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-20-23
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, those with a gluten sensitivity rather than allergy can frequently eat food prepared in common, non-dedicated spaces; 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



Act A-9-2023
The University of Alabama
28th Senate 2023-2024

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

Authors: Eric Doh, Vice-President of Financial Affairs; Walker Parsons, Chair of Financial Affairs Senate Committee

Sponsors:

Endorsements: Nick Tolbert; SGA Treasurer

Section 1. Findings:

1. The Financial Affairs Committee met on October 9th, 2023.
2. The committee heard 26 requests from 26 organizations before making its decisions.
3. \$38,769.81 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. 72.88% 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 \$71,798.97 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.



Act A-8-23
The University of Alabama
28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Sarah Clevenger

Sponsors: Senator Walker Parsons, Senator Kaelyn Thames, Senator Chloe Pickle

Endorsements: Adam Philippe, SGA Director of Communications

**AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT-LED ORGANIZATIONS ON THE SGA
INSTAGRAM**

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

Section 1. Findings:

1. The University of Alabama has over 600 student-led organizations on campus.
2. The Student Government Association hosts Academic Excellence Week, Green Week, and Wellness Week every spring semester.
3. Upon passage of Act A-8-23, The University of Alabama Student Government Association Instagram will recognize one student lead organization during Academic Excellence Week that upholds the week's values, one student lead organization during Green Week that upholds the week's values, and one student lead organization during Wellness Week that upholds the week's values.
4. The selection of student-led organizations receiving recognition will be completed by the SGA Director of Communications, in conjunction with whom they see fit to assist them.
5. The selected student-led organizations will be recognized on the SGA Instagram in a matter deemed fit by the SGA Director of Communications.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. ***THEREFORE, be it resolved,*** that upon the passage of Act A-8-23 the Student Government Association approves the recognition of student-led organizations on the SGA Instagram during Academic Excellence Week, Green Week, and Wellness Week, responsibility of this initiative will be assigned to the SGA Director of Communications.

2. ***Be it further resolved,*** that the University of Alabama Student Government Association Senate commits to recognizing students for the work they do on campus.

3. ***Be it further resolved,*** that copies of this Act be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice President of Student Life; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-inChief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-13-23

The University of Alabama

28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Katherine Gray

Sponsors: Senator Mia Ford, Senator Sarah Clevenger, Senator Lucy Bonhaus, Secretary Jensyn Seay, Senator Kameron Prim, Senator Megan Bonhaus, Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff, Senator Aydan Graham

Endorsements: Cameron Doyle, First Year Council Co-Director; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; Luke Dille, First Year Council Co-Director; Lillie Kate Walthall, Deputy Director of Programming and Advancement;

A BILL TO CLARIFY THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE FIRST YEAR COUNCIL

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The intent of The First Year Council is to pass legislation on behalf of students of the University of Alabama, particularly students of the first year class.
- B. Upon examination, it becomes evident that this Section currently makes explicit mention only of Resolutions and Acts, thereby omitting specific reference to the power to enact Bills.
- C. In the interest of legislative clarity and in an effort to mirror the Senate, it is imperative to amend the Code to include specific reference to Bills and power to amend the Code of Laws.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Chapter 906.5 Legislation including Acts of FYC, Resolutions, and Bills of Law may be introduced on the floor of First Year Council.

Chapter 906.5.1 The First Year Councilors, in exercising their legislative duties, may propose Bills and thereby forward proposals to amend the Code of Laws.

Chapter 906.5.2 All Bills submitted by the First Year Council shall conform to formatting and submission requirements as provided in and in accordance with Chapter 107.2, *et seq.*

Section 3. Copies: Copies of this bill shall be sent to Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; The Crimson White; and anyone else as it may be deemed necessary.