



## The University of Alabama 28<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Agenda For January 11, 2024

**Jack Rudder**

Speaker of the Senate

**Jensyn Seay**

Secretary of the Senate

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External Affairs

**Cassidy Matwiyoff**

Academic Affairs

**Walker Parsons**

Financial Affairs

**Lucy Bonhaus**

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
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- III. Old Business
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  - b. R-24-23 A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE FREE PRACTICE DAT EXAM PREP BOOKS ON CAMPUS
  - c. R-25-23 A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE DAT EXAM INFORMATION ON THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY WEBSITE
- IV. New Business
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  - e. R-03-24 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DISCOUNTED STUDENT RIDES TO COMBAT DRUNK DRIVING
  - f. R-04-24 A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CROSSWALK TIME LENGTH BETWEEN THE QUAD AND ROSE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
  - g. B-01-24 A BILL TO RECOGNIZE AND INCLUDE THE ANNUAL FYC SERVICE DAY IN THE SGA CODE OF LAWS
- V. Adjourn



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Bill B-14-23  
The University of Alabama  
28th Senate 2023-2024

**Authors:** Senator Sarah Clevenger, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Bella Loia

**Sponsors:** Senator Kaelyn Thames, Senator Megan Bonhaus, Senator Chloe Pickle, Senator Brooke Garvey, Senator Walker Parsons

**Endorsements:** Meghan Haran, Chief of Staff; Johnny Foster, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Samad Gillani, Vice President for External Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; Andrew Fairburn, Vice President for Student Affairs; Eric Doh, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Olivia Frazier, Executive Secretary; Collier Dobbs, President, Lauren Lafrades, Director of DEI Passport

## **A BILL TO CLARIFY THE DEI PASSPORT POINT CALCULATION FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATION SEATING**

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

### Section 1. Findings:

- A. The Student Government Association at the University of Alabama adheres to strict guidelines regarding the allocation of student organization seating.
- B. The current Code of Laws features dated information instructing the count for DEI Passport points for scoring student organizations for student organization seating in Bryant Denny Stadium.

### Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

**Chapter 1302.6.1** SGA DEI Passport portion of the block seating application is calculated as the number of members listed on the application multiplied by 1.125 will equal the number of points needed to receive the full 11% on the block seating application.

**Chapter 1302.6.2** During the Asynchronous Training Session, students can choose to have their points contribute to an organization's total SGA DEI Passport points for block seating purposes.

**Chapter 1302.6.3** Members of organizations can elect to have their points count towards block seating applications regardless of their name being specifically listed on the application.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; Andrew Fairburn, Vice President for Student Affairs; Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Bella Loia; *The Crimson White*; and anyone else as it may be deemed necessary.



**Resolution R-24-23  
The University of Alabama  
28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Ethan Pearson

**Sponsors:** Senator Matwiyoff, Senator Gbeddy

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE FREE PRACTICE DAT EXAM PREP BOOKS ON  
CAMPUS**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama strives to be an Institute that prepares all of its students for graduate degree programs; and,

*WHEREAS*, the assistance into dentistry school is not up to par with other graduate programs; and,

*WHEREAS*, the DAT is required by all U.S. dental schools, and scores on this test play a pivotal role in admission into U.S. dental schools; and,

*WHEREAS*, practice tests, on average, have proven to increase standardized test scores and better

prepare students for postgraduate degrees; and,

*WHEREAS*, accessibility and cost of obtainment play a large role in the utilization of practice tests; and,

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama already provides prep books for the MCAT, GRE, GMAT, and LSAT at Bruno Business Library, Gorgas Library, and Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering;

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to provide free DAT exam prep books at Bruno Business Library, Gorgas Library, and Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering.

***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; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; Alice Daugherty, Director of Resource Acquisition and Discovery; Dr. Donald Gilstrap, Dean of University Libraries; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Resolution R-25-23  
The University of Alabama  
28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Ethan Pearson

**Sponsors:** Senator Matwiyoff, Senator Gbeddy

**Endorsements:**

**A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE DAT EXAM INFORMATION ON THE  
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY WEBSITE**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama strives to be an Institute that prepares all of its students for graduate degree programs; and,

*WHEREAS*, the assistance into dentistry school is not up to par with other graduate programs; and,

*WHEREAS*, the DAT is required by all U.S. dental schools, and scores on this test play a pivotal role in admission into U.S. dental schools; and,

*WHEREAS*, information concerning this test will better prepare students for the DAT; and,

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama already provides information on the MCAT, GRE, GMAT, and LSAT on the Test Prep tab on the University Libraries website;

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to introduce a DAT tab under test prep section on the University Libraries website that explains what the test is, its duration, the average cost of the exam, the sections along with their given time limit, and other resources to help better prepare for the test.

***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; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; Dr. Donald Gilstrap, Dean of University Libraries; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Act A-01-24  
The University of Alabama**

**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Jack Sweda

**Sponsors:**

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

**AN ACT ALLOCATING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SENATE SEATS FOR THE 29<sup>TH</sup>  
SGA SENATE**

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

**Section 1. Findings:**

1. Article III, Section 7, Part F of the SGA Constitution empowers the SGA Senate to approve “the allocation of its members among the colleges and schools of The University of Alabama in accordance with this Constitution not later than 45 days prior to the annual SGA elections.”
2. The SGA Elections Board has set the date for the SGA Spring Election as Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
3. The Student Government Association has requested and received the total enrollment by Level and College/School for the End of Term Fall 2022 from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.
4. The apportionment of seats to each degree-awarding college has been tabulated according to the requirements established in Article III, Section 2, Parts A and B of the SGA Constitution.

**Section 2. Legislation:**



***THEREFORE, be it resolved;*** The University of Alabama Student Government Association Senate allocate the seats of the 29<sup>th</sup> Senate as follows:

1. Capstone College of Nursing	3 seats
2. College of Arts & Sciences	10 seats
3. College of Communication & Information Sciences	3 seats
4. College of Education	2 seats
5. College of Engineering	6 seats
6. College of Human Environmental Sciences	3 seats
7. Culverhouse College of Business	12 seats
8. Graduate School	7 seats
9. School of Law	2 seats
10. School of Social Work	2 seats

***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 for Student Life; Scott Sonnier, Chair of the SGA Elections Board; Dr. Kat Gillan, SGA Elections Board Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



**Resolution R-1-24  
The University of Alabama  
28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Johnny Foster, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Sponsors:** Jack Rudder, Speaker of the Senate

**Endorsements:** Dalis Lampkins, Graduate Student Association President; The Faculty Senate; The Office, Clerical, and Technical Staff Assembly; Sammy Geraci, President of the Honors College Ambassadors; Connor Higgins, President of the Culverhouse Ambassadors; Bella Loia, SGA Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Eric Doh, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Andrew Fairburn, SGA Vice President for Student Affairs; Olivia Frazier, SGA Executive Secretary; Meghan Haran, Chief of Staff to the President; Samad Gillani, SGA Vice President for External Affairs; Josie Schmitt, SGA Executive Vice President

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO OFFER THE  
NEW YORK TIMES AS AN INSTITUTIONAL SUPPLIED RESOURCE**

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is classified as an Doctoral University – Very High Research Activity Status in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

*WHEREAS*, The Capstone Creed calls for each University of Alabama community member to “pursue knowledge” and “foster individual and civic responsibility”.

*WHEREAS*, University of Alabama students, faculty, and staff, commonly use The New York Times’ services for research projects and papers.

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Law School has provided the New York Times to all its students and faculty since the spring of 2021.

*WHEREAS*, The New York Times has offered to provide their services for a minimal price in comparison to previous inquires to do so.

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama continuously works to provide students, faculty, and staff with the tools and resources needed to succeed.

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, the Senate of the Student Government Association of The University of Alabama requests that the Office of Academic Affairs work with The New York Times to provide this tool to anyone with an institutional email address.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. James Dalton, University of Alabama Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Steven Hood Vice-President for Student Life; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; Alice Daugherty, Director of Resource Acquisition and Discovery; Dr. Donald Gilstrap, Dean of University Libraries; and others as may be deemed at a later point in time.

### Statement of Support from Faculty Senate

*The UA Faculty Senate hereby supports the SGA's Resolution towards obtaining the New York Times on behalf of all persons with a ua.edu address. The Faculty Senate would like the ultimate facilitation of the service to reside within the UA Libraries.*



**Resolution R-02-24**

**The University of Alabama**

**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Authors:** Senator Walker Parsons

**Sponsors:** Speaker Jack Rudder, Senator Jack Sweda, Senator Stell Jeffcoat, Senator Mia Ford, Senator Leo Denning, Senator Christian Ladner, Senator Chloe Pickle, Senator Sarah Clevenger

**Endorsements:** Vice President for Academic Affairs Johnny Foster

**A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE THE FREE TESTING BOOKLETS WITHIN THE  
SGA OFFICE**

*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 safety; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Student Government Association strives to serve all students; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Student Government Association provides academic resources both online and within the SGA office regarding advising, different college-specific programs and tutoring services; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Student Government Association provides students with testing booklets free of charge within the SGA office; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Student Government Association constantly updates students about events, changes within the SGA, and election processes via its social media accounts and its website;

***THEREFORE, be it resolved***, that the Executive Director of Communications or Press Secretary publish a graphic and or a video advertising free test booklets within the SGA office on the first day of dead week and finals week in accordance with the official University of Alabama Academic Calendar on all the SGA's official social media accounts.

***Be it further resolved***, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association continually look for ways to advertise, announce, and information students on any free academic resources offered by the SGA.

***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-3-24**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

Authors: Senator Jenni Page

Sponsors: Senator Ella Brown, Senator Walker Parsons, Senator Mia Ford, Senator Katherine Gray, Senator Peyton Abbott, Senator Ben Staley, Senator Tolu Sanni

Endorsements: Collier Dobbs, President; Bella Loia, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Andrew Fairburn, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dalis Lampkins, President of the Graduation Student Association

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DISCOUNTED STUDENT RIDES TO COMBAT  
DRUNK DRIVING**

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

*WHEREAS*, drunk driving is a nationwide issue that disproportionately affects college students, with college-aged drivers involved in around 19% of drunk driving accidents and several tragic incidents affecting students at the University of Alabama; and

*WHEREAS*, this problem is both current and pressing on the University of Alabama campus, as evidenced by the eight DUI incidents that were handled by UAPD since August 24th, 2023 alone.

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama and the Student Government Association care deeply about the safety and wellbeing of the student body; and

*WHEREAS*, 72% of UA students live off campus and thus typically do not use the Crimson Ride for safe nighttime transportation; and

*WHEREAS* , rideshare apps such as Uber and Lyft provide an excellent service for students to get home safely and avoid drunk driving; and

*WHEREAS* , some students are discouraged from taking advantage of rideshare services due to financial barriers; and

*WHEREAS* , other universities across the country similar to UA, such as Auburn University, the University of Florida, the University of Georgia, the University of Kentucky, Mississippi State University, and Ohio State University, have implemented similar programs to offer discounted rides to their students;

*THEREFORE, be it resolved*, The Student Government Association Senate urges the University of Alabama Administration, specifically the Division of Finance and Operations as well as Transportation Services, to explore options for funding a discounted rideshare service for students utilizing Uber or Lyft programs.

*Be it further resolved*, The Student Government Association Senate tasks the External Affairs executive committee with following up with University of Alabama Administration to assist in finding the best way to implement this program.

*Be it further resolved*, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Matthew M. Fajack, Vice President for Finance & Operations & Treasurer; Chris D'Esposito, Executive Director of Transportation Services; Ralph Clayton, Associate Vice President for Public Safety, Teresa Shreve, Assistant Vice President for Enterprise Operations, *The Crimson White* , and any others that may be deemed necessary at a later date





**Resolution R-4-24**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**28th Senate 2023-2024**

**Author(s):** Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff

**Sponsors:**

**Endorsements:** Andrew Fairburn, Vice President for Student Affairs

**A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CROSSWALK TIME LENGTH BETWEEN THE  
QUAD AND ROSE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

**Section 1. Findings:**

1. *WHEREAS*, the University of Alabama is committed to ensuring a safe and convenient environment for all its students, as well as an easily accessible and walkable campus; and
2. *WHEREAS*, many crosswalks, including the intersection between Reese Phiher Hall and Autherine Lucy Hall, run between 25-35 seconds allowing enough time for high volumes of students to cross the road; and
3. *WHEREAS*, students have short intervals of time to commute between their classes, specifically at the crosswalk between the Quad and Rose Administration building; and

4. *WHEREAS*, the campus is surrounded by high volumes of vehicle traffic, therefore students require adequate opportunities and intervals to commute between buildings.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. *THEREFORE, be it resolved*, that the crosswalk timer between Denny Chimes and Rose Administration building be increased from 23 seconds to 35 seconds.
2. *Be it further resolved*, that the author of this resolution, Cassidy Matwiyoff, and the Vice President for Student Affairs, Andrew Fairburn, coordinate with the University of Alabama Police Department Traffic Safety Unit to implement this timer increase.
4. *Be it further resolved*, that copies of this Act be sent to: Rick Funk, The University of Alabama Interim Student Government Advisor; Andrew Fairburn, The Vice President of Student Affairs; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-1-24

The University of Alabama

28th Senate 2023-2024

**Authors:** Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff

**Sponsors:** Senator Jenni Page, Senator Stella Jeffcoat, Senator Lucy Bonhaus, Senator Eyram Gbeddy, Senator Ragan Hope Wilson

**Endorsements:** Cameron Doyle, Co-Director of the First Year Council, Councilor Samantha Simmons, Councilor Evelyn Olson, Councilor Jonas Scofield

**A BILL TO RECOGNIZE AND INCLUDE THE ANNUAL FYC SERVICE DAY IN THE  
SGA CODE OF LAWS**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The First Year Council is dedicated to crafting and passing legislation throughout its term to better the campus community, specifically the freshman class.
- B. Additionally, the previous First Year Council classes have held an annual “FYC Service

Day” to impact their campus community directly.

C. Upon examination, it was revealed that the annual “FYC Service Day” was not included in the SGA Code of Laws, thereby not acknowledging all the activities and duties of the First Year Council.

D. Thus, in the interest of fully recognizing and incorporating activities and duties of the First Year Council, it is crucial to amend the Code to include a specific reference to the event of the FYC Service Day, sustaining the tradition for future councils through SGA precedent.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

**Chapter 902.6** The First Year Council will hold an annual service day event in the spring dedicated to improving their campus community.

**Chapter 902.7** The focus of the annual FYC Service Day may be directed by either the co-directors or the councilors and may be agreed upon in any mode of consensus (digital poll, floor vote, etc.).

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.