

The University of Alabama
28th Student Senate 2023-2024
Minutes from January 11, 2024
Regular Session

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. Announcements

III. Old Business

- a. B-14-23 is favorably recommended.
- b. There is a vote.
- c. B-14-23 passes.
- d. R-24-23 is favorably recommended.
- e. There is a vote.
- f. R-24-23 passes.
- g. R-25-23 is favorably recommended.
- h. There is a vote.
- i. R-25-23 passes.

IV. New Business

- a. Senators Breedlove, Olson, Badger, and Kontham are sworn in.
- b. **A-1-24** AN ACT ALLOCATING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SENATE SEATS FOR THE 29TH SGA SENATE
- c. Motion to immediately consider.
- d. Motion passes.
- e. There is a vote.
- f. **A-1-24** passes.
- g. **R-1-24** A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO OFFER THE NEW YORK TIMES AS AN INSTITUTIONAL SUPPLIED RESOURCE
- h. Motion to immediately consider.
- i. Motion passes.
- j. There is a vote.
- k. **R-1-24** passes.
- l. **R-2-24** A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE THE FREE TESTING BOOKLETS WITHIN THE SGA OFFICE
- m. Sent to the academic affairs committee.
- n. **R-3-24** A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DISCOUNTED STUDENT RIDES TO COMBAT DRUNK DRIVING
- o. Sent to the academic affairs committee.
- p. **R-4-24** A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE DAT EXAM INFORMATION ON THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY WEBSITE
- q. Sent to the student affairs committee.

- r. **B-1-24** A BILL TO RECOGNIZE AND INCLUDE THE ANNUAL FYC SERVICE DAY IN THE SGA CODE OF LAWS
- s. Sent to the student affairs committee.

V. Adjournment

- a. There is a motion to adjourn.
- b. There is a second.
- c. The motion passes.



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 29TH
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 29th 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.