



The University of Alabama 28th Student Senate Agenda For February 8, 2024

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 - b. R-6-24 A RESOLUTION TO PLACE HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS NEXT TO FIRST FLOOR ELEVATORS IN RESIDENCE HALLS
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Constitutional Amendment C-02-24

The University of Alabama

28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Mia Ford, Senator Jenni Page, Senator Ella Brown

Sponsors: Senator Chloe Pickle, Senator Katherine Gray, Senator Hidy Fitzpatrick

Endorsements: President Collier Dobbs, Attorney General John McLendon, Chief Justice Abby Morthland

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY AMENDMENTS IX, X, XI, AND XII

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Several errors, grammatical, formatting, and other, have been found in the Constitution that need to be corrected.
- B. Certain wording needs to be modified to correct contradictions and provide clarification.
- C. Dates regarding elections, ratification, and constitutional revisions need to be updated.

Section 2. Amendment to the Constitution: changes in red

ARTICLE IX - IMPEACHMENT AND REMOVAL

Section 1: Grounds for Removal. ~~All elected and appointed position holders of the SGA shall be subject to removal from office for any one or more of the following reasons:~~

A. All elected and appointed position holders of the SGA shall be subject to removal from office for any one or more of the following reasons:

1. Incompetence, malfeasance, or misfeasance in office;
2. Failure, at the time of election, to possess the academic qualifications for office;
3. Willful violation of any express provision of this Constitution;
4. Abandonment of office or, in the case of a Senator, change of school or college;
 - a. If a senator changes the school or college he or she is representing, removal from office is automatic;
5. Failure, for any other cause, to perform the duties of office;
6. Failure to maintain academic standing at a level consistent with the minimum GPA required of candidates for the position in question.

Section 2: Procedure for Removal.

A. Initiating proceedings.

1. Any student wishing to remove any elected or appointed position holder of the SGA shall file a petition for impeachment and removal with the Secretary of the Senate setting forth in writing one or more of the grounds found in Section 1 of this Article that the stated position holder within SGA has violated.
2. This petition must include the signatures of ninety-nine additional students wishing to remove the stated position holder within SGA.
3. All signatures on the petition must be confirmed as students at The University of Alabama.

B. Preliminary investigation.

1. Upon filing of a petition with the Secretary of the Senate, a panel shall be convened. It shall be composed of the Attorney General and two Student Judicial Board Justices elected by the members in good standing of the Student Judicial Board. They shall review the claim or claims stated in the petition for impeachment and removal.
2. If a petition for impeachment and removal has been filed against the Attorney General, then the Attorney General shall be ineligible from serving on the panel.
3. In the event that the Attorney General is ineligible or recuses him or herself from serving on the panel, the Executive Council will vote on a representative from the executive branch to serve on the panel.
4. If a petition for impeachment and removal has been filed against a member of the Student Judicial Board, then the accused Justice or Justices shall be ineligible from serving on the panel and from voting on the Justices to serve on the panel.

C. Panel decision.

1. If the panel finds that the claims stated in the petition for impeachment and removal meet the grounds for removal found in this Constitution, then they shall vote to send the petition for impeachment and removal to the Senate for a formal impeachment hearing by the body of the Senate.
2. The panel shall make a decision no later than ten full class days after receiving the petition for impeachment and removal from the Secretary of the Senate.

D. Senate impeachment and removal procedure.

1. The Senate shall consider the claims for impeachment and removal during the three regularly scheduled consecutive Senate sessions immediately following the release of the panel's decision.
2. The Attorney General or the designate of the executive branch on the panel shall notify all accused position holders and the filer of the petition for impeachment and removal of the dates, times and procedure for the Senate impeachment and removal procedure.
3. A Senator who is accused in the petition for impeachment and removal shall not vote in the Senate impeachment and removal process.
4. In the first Senate session following the release of the panel's decision, the Senate shall formally hear the claims for impeachment and removal through a presentation of the facts and evidence.
5. In the second Senate session following the release of the panel's decision, the accused position holder or holders, the filer of the petition, and any necessary witnesses shall appear before the Senate to answer questions.
6. The accused and the filer of the petition shall be allowed to make brief statements to state their case at the end of this Senate session.
7. In the third Senate session following the release of the panel's decision, the Senate shall vote to impeach and remove the accused position holder or holders from their office.
 - a. A three-fifths majority of the full membership of the Senate must vote to impeach and remove in order for the position holder to be removed from office; however, the Senate must only have quorum to hold proceedings.
 - b. If the Senate lacks quorum, then the Senate shall stand in recess until quorum is reached. Immediately upon reaching quorum, the Senate must vote on the impeachment and removal of the accused position holder or holders.
 - c. A three-fifths majority of the full membership of the Senate is thirty of the fifty members of the Senate for the impeachment and removal process.
 - d. If three-fifths of the full membership of the Senate votes to impeach and remove the accused position holder from office, then the accused position holder or holders shall immediately lose their SGA office and all the rights and privileges afforded that office.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS AND CONVENTION

Section 1: Process for altering the Constitution. ~~The self-government and organization of this SGA may only be altered though the available processes outlined in this Article of this Constitution.~~

- A.** The self-government and organization of this SGA may only be altered though the available processes outlined in this Article of this Constitution.

Section 2: Amendments to this Constitution.

- A. Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by a petition of 5 percent of the student body or by a vote of two-thirds of the Senate.
- B. Amendments must be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of the students voting on the amendment.
- C. Referenda on amendments shall be held only during the spring SGA election.
- D. The full text of the amendment or amendments shall be published online at the website of the SGA at least two weeks prior to the referendum.
 - 1. The full text of the amendment or amendments may also be published in the campus newspaper at the discretion of the President on the condition that the President signs his or her name to the bill that proposes any amendment or amendments.

Section 3: Convention. ~~Constitutional conventions may be assembled only for the express purpose of writing a new constitution for the SGA. The calling of the constitutional convention must adhere to the following procedure:~~

- A. ~~Constitutional conventions may be assembled only for the express purpose of writing a new constitution for the SGA. The calling of the constitutional convention must adhere to the following procedure:~~
 - 1. Convention Resolution calling for the writing of a new constitution must pass both the Senate and the First Year Council by a nine-thirteenths majority vote;
 - 2. The SGA President signs his or her name to this Convention Resolution, expressing the full sentiment of the members of the Executive Council;
 - 3. The students at The University of Alabama approve this Convention Resolution by a nine-thirteenths majority vote of those voting in either the spring SGA election;
 - 4. A constitutional convention that has been called must be composed of elected delegates from each of the schools and colleges at The University of Alabama so as to equal two times the apportionment of Senate seats among the schools and colleges as outlined in Article III, Section 2 of this Constitution. Delegates must stand for election in a campus wide vote thirty full-class days after the spring SGA that calls the constitutional convention as outlined in Section 3, subsection A of this Article;
 - 5. A constitutional convention that has been called and for which delegates have been selected shall not assemble for longer than the duration of the academic year in which the constitutional convention is called. A convention that fails to produce a proposed constitution within the academic year of its calling shall be dissolved;
 - 6. A convention that produces a constitution shall submit their proposed constitution to the students at The University of Alabama in a referendum twenty full school days after the formal proposal has been produced;
 - 7. The students at The University of Alabama must approve this proposed constitution by a nine-thirteenths majority vote of those voting in order for that constitution to be ratified into law.

ARTICLE XI - SUPREMACY

Section 1: Legal supremacy. ~~This Constitution shall be the supreme Law of the SGA. All position holders within SGA shall be bound to the requirements of this Constitution. All rules and regulations issued by the SGA or any of its bodies must be pursuant to this Constitution.~~

- A. This Constitution shall be the supreme Law of the SGA. All position holders within SGA shall be bound to the requirements of this Constitution. All rules and regulations issued by the SGA or any of its bodies must be pursuant to this Constitution.

Section 2: Oath or Affirmation. ~~All position holders within SGA shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation to support this Constitution.~~

- A. All position holders within SGA shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation to support this Constitution.

Section 3: Rules and regulations pursuant. ~~All other rules and regulations pursuant to this Constitution shall reside in the Code of Laws, outlined in Article VII of this Constitution, Acts of the Senate and Bills of Law, outlined in Article III of this Constitution, and the Students Elections Board Manual, outlined in Article VIII of this Constitution.~~

- A. All other rules and regulations pursuant to this Constitution shall reside in the Code of Laws, outlined in Article VII of this Constitution, Acts of the Senate and Bills of Law, outlined in Article III of this Constitution, and the Students Elections Board Manual, outlined in Article VIII of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII - RATIFICATION

Section 1: Referendum. ~~This Constitution shall be ratified by the students at The University of Alabama in a referendum on the First day in February in the year Two-Thousand and Eleven if a majority of the students voting in said referendum approve this Constitution.~~

- A. This Constitution shall be ratified by the students at The University of Alabama in a referendum on the Twenty Seventh day in February in the year Two-Thousand and Twenty-Four if a majority of the students voting in said referendum approve this Constitution.

Section 2: Enactment. ~~This Constitution shall be enacted so as to concur with the SGA that governs for the 2011-2012 academic year at The University of Alabama, including all candidates seeking elected or appointed offices for that same academic year, and all subsequent years thereafter if approved by a majority of the students voting in the referendum on the First day in February in the year Two-thousand and Eleven. This Constitution shall remain the supreme Law of the SGA unless a constitutional convention assembles for the express purpose of writing a new constitution and that convention follows the procedures outlined in Article XI, Section 3 of this Constitution.~~

- A. This Constitution shall be enacted so as to concur with the SGA that governs for the 2023-2024 academic year at The University of Alabama, including all candidates seeking elected or appointed offices for that same academic year, and all subsequent years thereafter if approved by a majority of the students voting in the referendum on the

Twenty Seventh day in February in the year Two-thousand and Twenty-Four. This Constitution shall remain the supreme Law of the SGA unless a constitutional convention assembles for the express purpose of writing a new constitution and that convention follows the procedures outlined in Article X, Section 3 of this Constitution.

Section 3: Testament. ~~The members of the Constitutional Revision Committee, convened on the Twelfth day in January in the year Two-Thousand and Eleven and under the administration of James C. Fowler as SGA President, do hereby attest that this Constitution represents the unanimous spirit of the committee's efforts in creating accountable, functional, inclusive, and transparent student self-government at The University of Alabama by subscribing our names to this Constitution.~~

- A. The members of the Constitutional Revision Committee, convened on the Seventeenth day in January in the year Two-Thousand and Twenty-Four and under the administration of J. Collier Dobbs as SGA President, do hereby attest that this Constitution represents the unanimous spirit of the committee's efforts in creating accountable, functional, inclusive, and transparent student self-government at The University of Alabama by subscribing our names to this Constitution.

Section 4: Ratification. ~~This amendment will become law upon vote by 2/3rds vote of the SGA Senate and referendum of the student body.~~

- A. This amendment will become law upon vote by 2/3rds vote of the SGA Senate and referendum of the student body.

Section 5: Legitimacy and Awareness. ~~This amendment, if passed in the Senate by the appropriate margins, will be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the spring SGA Elections on the SGA website for students to review.~~

- A. This amendment, if passed in the Senate by the appropriate margins, will be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the spring SGA Elections on the SGA website for students to review.

Section 3. Copies

Copies of this Constitutional Amendment shall be sent to:



Resolution R-6-24
The University of Alabama
28th Senate 2023-2024

Author(s): Senator Charles Eigner

Sponsors: Senator Michael Rodrigue, Senator Jack Sweda, Senator Walker Parsons, Senator Sarah Clevenger, Senator Ollie Sinclair

Endorsements:

**A RESOLUTION TO PLACE HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS NEXT TO FIRST
FLOOR ELEVATORS IN RESIDENCE HALLS**

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has a responsibility to keep its students healthy; and

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

WHEREAS, Many students, freshmen in particular, have trouble avoiding common illnesses while attending classes and living in residence halls; and

WHEREAS, Hand sanitizers and disinfectants are offered in some residence halls but not all; and
WHEREAS, First floor elevator buttons are touched by nearly all students living in that residence hall;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, The Student Government Association Senate urges The University of Alabama Administration, specifically the Division of Student Life, to implement and place hand sanitizer dispensers directly next to or on first floor elevators in all residence halls.

Be it further resolved, The Student Government Association Senate tasks the Student Affairs Committee with following up with the University of Alabama Administration to assist in finding the best way to implement these before the 2024-2025 academic year.

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; Collier Dobbs, President of The Student Government Association; Andrew Fairburn, Vice-President of Student Affairs, *The Crimson White*, and any others that may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Act A-2-24
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 FEBRUARY 2024**

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 February 5th, 2024.
2. The committee heard 29 requests from 28 organizations before making its decisions.
3. \$1,873.35 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 \$69,684.08 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.



Bill B-3-23
The University of Alabama
2023-2024 First Year Council

Authors: Councilor Wright, Councilor Langdon

Sponsors: Speaker Olson, Secretary Bulger, Councilor March, Councilor Gwin, Councilor Fountain, Councilor Markham, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Claburn, Councilor Scofield, Councilor Chbeir, Councilor Howe, Councilor Jones, Councilor Lanctot, Councilor Davis, Councilor Bigsby, Councilor Lyda, Councilor McWilliams, Councilor Olson, Councilor Hutt, Councilor Mintz, Councilor Rosenau, Councilor Cabage, Councilor Hobbs, Councilor Pusateri, Councilor Rider, Councilor Bond, Councilor Priestler, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Makobongo, Councilor Thomas, Councilor Roberts, Councilor Cook, Councilor Fulghum, Councilor Petrie, Councilor Ealy, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Reid, Councilor Tubbs

**A BILL TO EXTEND PETITIONING RIGHTS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN
CHAPTER 906**

Section 1. Findings:

1. Freshmen lack the ability to pursue change regarding specific campus issues through the calling of legislative action.
2. Creating petition rights will allow students to bring awareness to specific issues and call for legislative action in those issues.
3. This extension of petition rights will encourage greater involvement and engagement with the First Year Council.
4. Petitioning is currently only allowed for impeachment and amendments to the Constitution, as outlined in Article IX, Section 2.A and Article X, Section 2.A, respectively.
5. First Year Councilors need greater understanding of freshmen issues that would otherwise be unheard.
6. Chapter 906 outlines First Year Council's presentation and passage of legislation, but there is currently no line of contact for freshmen to present their concerns that will guarantee committee review
7. Petitioning rights further support Chapter 903.1 and 903.2

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

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 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 Receive and send freshmen legislative action petitions to respective committee

Chapter 906.15 Any freshmen student has the right to bring direct action to a concern or issue through a formal petition process.

Chapter 906.15.1 Freshmen wishing to pursue a concern must strictly follow the instructions provided by the First Year Council, as seen on the Student Government Website.

Chapter 906.15.2 If a petition calling for legislative action is sent by the secretary to its respected committee, the committee must meet to discuss whether they want to turn this petition into legislation.

Chapter 906.15.3 The committee members must approve or table the petition's call for legislative action through a majority vote. If there is a tie, the committee head will break the tie.

Chapter 906.15.4 If the committee tables the petition, they must formally address the petitioner in why they did not approve the petition.

Chapter 906.15.5 If it is decided that the petition will be written into legislation, the committee will decide who the authors will be at their discretion.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Luke Dille and Cameron Doyle, Co-Directors of the First Year Council; Josie Schmidt, Executive Vice President; Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Jack Rudder, Speaker of the Senate; Olivia Frazier, Executive Secretary; Katerina Werkhaven, SGA Webmaster, and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Constitutional Amendment C-03-24

The University of Alabama

28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Mia Ford, Senator Jenni Page, Senator Ella Brown

Sponsors: Secretary Jensyn Seay, Speaker Jack Rudder, Senator Jack Sweda, Senator Hidy Kirkpatrick

Endorsements: President Collier Dobbs, Attorney General John McLendon

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY AMENDMENT VIII

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Certain wording needs to be modified to correct contradictions and provide clarification.
- B. The Oversight Committee is convened only when there are not 6 members of the Elections Board available.
- C. The Oversight Committee is not an accurate name for the powers of the committee.
- D. The Elections Appeal Contingency Committee accurately describes the role of the committee and reduces confusion on the powers of this committee.

Section 2: Amendment to the Constitution: changes in red

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

Section 1: Student Elections Board.

D. Jurisdiction. The Student Elections Board shall regulate SGA elections and campaigns. All rules and regulations of the Student Elections Board shall reside in the Elections Manual, which shall be pursuant to only this Constitution. The Student Elections Board shall hear elections and campaign violation cases and issue decisions.

1. The Student Elections Board shall issue decisions in accordance with this Constitution and any rules and regulations created by the Student Elections Board that reside in the Student Elections Board manual.
 - a. Panels of six (6) members and the Chair will preside over elections violations hearings and decisions.
 - b. Should a member of the Student Elections Board have a conflict of interest with the candidate responsible for a violation, i.e. be members of the same organization, etc., that member must recuse themselves from hearings.
 - i. Should the Chair of the Student Elections Board need to recuse themselves from a hearing, the Assistant Chair will preside over the hearing.
 - c. In the event that the number of Student Elections Board members required to convene a panel to hear an elections and campaign violation and issue a decision is not available, due to conflicts of interest, resignations, or a combination thereof, the process to hear the violation and issue a decision is as outlined:
 - i. The Chairman of the Student Elections Board must formally inform, in writing, the sitting SGA President of the need and rationale to convene the ~~Oversight Committee~~Elections Appeal Contingency Committee.
 - ii. Once the request is received, the sitting SGA President will call upon the SGA Attorney General, the SGA Chief Justice, and the Speaker of the SGA Senate to hear the elections violation and render a decision, in place of the Elections Board.
 - iii. In the event an appeal is submitted upon the ~~Oversight Committee~~Elections Appeal Contingency Committee's decision, the appeal process to the SGA Judicial Board will remain the same, with the exception that the SGA Chief Justice will automatically be recused from any appeal review, in which they rendered an elections violation decision, as a member of the ~~Oversight Committee~~Elections Appeal Contingency Committee.

- d. The Student Elections Board shall publish all alleged election and campaign violations, as well as their respective decisions, on the SGA website following their Student Elections Board hearing.
 - i. Both the alleged violation and the decision of the Student Elections Board shall be published on the Election Violations page of the SGA website within twenty-four hours after the violation has been ruled upon.
 - ii. The published decision shall include the ruling issued to the candidate, the justification for said ruling citing the specific rules and regulations of the Student Elections Board Elections Manual, as well as the evidence provided for the hearing.
 - iii. Upon publication of the alleged violation, all contact information of the complainant shall be redacted including but not limited to, phone number and email address, to prevent harassment of the complainant.
 - iv. Upon publication of the alleged violation, at the request of the complainant, all personal identifiable information shall be redacted including the name of the complainant and any information that could directly implicate the complainant, to prevent harassment.
2. The Elections Manual is to be revised once per term and must be completed one month prior to the date of the spring election.
3. The Senate, the Executive Council, or both student bodies have the power to review the rules and regulations of the Student Elections Board and may request any opinion from the Attorney General on the constitutionality of those rules and regulations.
4. Rulings and regulations of the Student Elections Board may be appealed to the SGA Judicial Board by any students at the University of Alabama. If the Judicial Board finds rulings and regulations of the Student Elections Board not in accordance with provisions of this Constitution or the Elections Manual, then the Judicial Board shall declare such rulings or regulations unconstitutional.
5. A ruling or regulation of the Student Elections Board that has been ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Board shall declare such rulings or regulations unconstitutional.
6. The Student Elections Board shall forward hearings of elections and campaign violations that have issues pertaining to the Code of Student Conduct at The University of Alabama to the Office of Student Conduct.

Section 3. Copies

Copies of this Constitutional Amendment shall be sent to: Collier Dobbs, SGA President; and any others that are deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-03-24

The University of Alabama

28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Mia Ford

Sponsors: Speaker Jack Rudder, Secretary Jensyn Seay, Senator Jenni Page, Senator Hidy Kirkpatrick, Senator Ella Brown

Endorsements: Abby Morthland, Chief Justice; Nick Smith, Chief Counselor; David Ware, Associate Justice; Mandi Genord, Associate Justice; Marie Kaine, Clerk; Paige Hoss, Associate Justice; Liv Beaudoin, Associate Justice; Harrison DeLong, Associate Justice; Autumn Pernell, Chief Counselor; Briana Ratay, Associate Justice; Lewis Fischer, Associate Justice; Liz Proffitt, Associate Justice; Sean Flaherty, Associate Justice; Ralph Curra, Associate Justice; Chloe Hensley, Associate Justice; Carter Bibler, Associate Justice; Raeed Kabir, Associate Justice; Shrishti Dubey, Associate Justice; Brittany Rodi, Associate Justice; Armani Sowell, Associate Justice; Hannah Hurd, Associate Justice; Madison Hasnani, Clerk; Cate Martin, Associate Justice; Shannon O'Keefe, Associate Justice; EK Dykes, Associate Justice; Dalis Lampkins, Associate Justice

**A BILL TO ESTABLISH AND RECOGNIZE THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE JUDICIARY OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

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 has an Official Seal which is used on all its official documents.
- B. As it stands, the Judicial Branch does not have its own specific seal to use on official documents such as student conduct and disciplinary documents.
- C. Having an Official Judicial Seal seeks to unify all Judicial documents and further validate the contents within them.
- D. The Office of the President has an unofficial Seal which is used on outgoing documents and branding.
- E. The language suggested is consistent with the existing language for the Official Seal of the Student Government Association in the Code of Laws.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Chapter 407 Judiciary Seal

Chapter 407.1 The Official Seal of the Judiciary of the Student Government Association of The University of Alabama shall be as follows: a portrayal of Denny Chimes superimposed over scales of justice, surrounded by the words "Student Government Association" and "Established 1914", all of which shall be within a circle; in a larger circle enclosing the aforementioned shall be a surrounding chain of stars; in a larger circle enclosing the aforementioned shall be inscribed with the words "University of Alabama" and "Seal of the Judiciary", separated by columns; surrounding the above-mentioned circumference shall be a surrounding beaded chain.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Chief Justice Abby Morthland; The Crimson White; and anyone else as it may be deemed necessary.



**Resolution R-12-24
The University of Alabama
28th Senate 2023-2024**

Authors: Senator Connor Hux, Senator Aydan Graham

Sponsors: Senator Leo Denning, Senator Walker Parsons, Senator Stella Jeffcoat, Senator Ben Staley, Senator Ella Brown, Senator Jenni Page

Endorsements: Sigma Chi Fraternity Iota Iota Chapter; Bella Loia, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion;

A RESOLUTION HONORING BRADY CHRISTOPHER DODSON

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

WHEREAS, Brady Dodson was a valued and impactful member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Brady was truly loved by his peers, brothers and all who knew him. He also never failed to make those around him feel loved and persistently checked in on them; and

WHEREAS, Brady was incredibly helpful, offering a lending hand, shoulder, or ear to those around him; and

WHEREAS, Brady was an extremely smart and hardworking young man who put effort in everything he did; and

WHEREAS, Brady loved music, movies with friends, and tv shows, his favorite being Below Deck.

WHEREAS, Brady impacted the University of Alabama through his persistent pursuit of knowledge, putting relentless effort into everything and everyone he cared about; and

WHEREAS, Brady Dodson will be immensely missed by his friends, brothers, family, and everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him;

***THEREFORE*, be it RESOLVED, Brady Christopher Dodson will be remembered and honored by those who knew him and recognized by the students at the University of Alabama through the Student Government Association which extends its sincerest sympathy to his family.**

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.



Bill B-04-24

The University of Alabama

28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Eyram Gbeddy

Sponsors: Senator Sam Badger, Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Eleanor Israel

Endorsements: Rolland Grady, President of UA Votes

**A BILL TO INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT THROUGH LENGTHENING
THE VOTING WINDOW**

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

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The mission of the University of Alabama Student Government Association is to guarantee a student voice in University decisions, to train ourselves in democratic government and promote citizenship on campus. Keeping turnout as high as possible is a key part of keeping student voices at the forefront of SGA.
- B. The last two Spring elections have had technical difficulties for the first few hours of voting
- C. Turnout in the last Spring SGA Election was less than a third of the student body.
- D. Voting in the 21st century is simply different from the way it was historically. In the last US presidential election, over 70% of ballots were not cast on election day. It is no coincidence that it had the highest turnout in history.

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Title VII, Chapters 700-799 - Election Law

Chapter 704 Election Procedure

Chapter 704.1 Effective in January of 2025, in addition to following all rules and guidelines set in the annual elections board manual, the Spring SGA election period shall always last for at least 48 hours.

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; Scott Sonnier, Chair of the SGA Elections Board; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

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Resolution R-13-24
The University of Alabama
28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Ragan Hope Wilson

Sponsors: Senator Ella Brown, Senator Sarah Clevenger,

Endorsements: Collier Dobbs, SGA President, Bella Loia, SGA Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND AFFIRMING THE WORK OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA DIVISION OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
INCLUSION**

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts provide leadership for the University to build on its core principles of inclusiveness in learning environments, programs, workforce, and strategic partnerships.

WHEREAS, DEI efforts seek to recruit and retain more diverse students and faculty, and staff, to build a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment, and develop a more culturally competent campus community.

WHEREAS, DEI efforts provide a variety of resources, programs, events, educational opportunities, and services to the UA community, many of which work in conjunction with the Student Government Association and other registered student organizations.

WHEREAS, February 5th through the 9th is OneUA Week, an annual initiative organized by the Student Government Association at the University of Alabama, a week-long event dedicated to reiterating the values of unity, respect, and community spirit within the university. The theme "Hate Doesn't Roll Here" serves as a reminder of the university's commitment to a respectful and inclusive environment for all.

WHEREAS, OneUA Week, SGA DEI Cabinet, and the DEI efforts across campus are in complete alignment in goals and values, as they are beneficial to the student body, student life, and campus culture- as indicated by a 2019 [study](#) by the American Council on Education, showing that racial and ethnic diversity in education and the workforce leads to greater innovation, productivity, and cultural competency.

WHEREAS, it is expressly stated in our capstone creed that "As a member of The University of Alabama community, I will pursue knowledge; act with fairness, integrity, and respect; promote equity and inclusion; foster individual and civic responsibility; and strive for excellence in all I do."

WHEREAS, DEI has been regulated in seven states including Texas, Utah, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Florida.

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Legislature convenes in regular annual sessions beginning on the first Tuesday in February.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Student Government Association Senate commends the essential, timely, and earnest work The University of Alabama Diversity Equity and Inclusion efforts provides to best serve the student body and is committed to reaffirming and sustaining the values promoted within DEI.

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



Resolution R-14-24
The University of Alabama
28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Ella Brown

Sponsors: Senator Jenni Page, Senator Mia Ford, Senator Aydan Graham, Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff, Senator Emma Blackmon

Endorsements: Teegan Mathey, Director of Environmental Affairs; Bella Loia, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE WOMEN AND GENDER RESEARCH CENTER
SAFE SISTERS PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, Female college students ages 18-24 are 3 times more likely than women in general to experience sexual violence; and,

WHEREAS, Male college students ages 18-24 are 5 times more likely than men ages 18-24 not enrolled in college to be a victim of sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, College students often do not report sexual assaults; and,

WHEREAS, College students are more likely to discuss these experiences with a friendly face rather than a police officer, professor, or Women and Gender Research Center (WGRC) employee; and,

WHEREAS, The WGRC has created the Safe Sister program to train members of the Alabama Panhellenic Association sororities to aid their fellow members in situations of sexual assault and interpersonal violence; and,

WHEREAS, Interpersonal violence and sexual assault are prevalent among all students, not just members of the Alabama Panhellenic Association; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, That the Women and Gender Research Center should expand its Safe Sister program to include the other Greek councils: the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the University Greek Council, and the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Stuart Bell, President; Jessica Ross Romine, Peer Education Coordinator for the WGRC; The Crimson White; and others as deemed necessary at a later date.