#### The University of Alabama 28<sup>th</sup> Student Senate 2023-2024 Minutes from January 25, 2024 Regular Session

#### I. Call to Order / Roll Call

#### II. Announcements

- **a** Reading of the Capstone Creed and Mission Statement
- **b** Guest Speaker Lee Busby with the Tuscaloosa City Council to speak on Gauntlet event.
- **c** Message from the Vice President for External Affairs Samad Gillani.
- **d** Message from the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Bella Loia.

#### III. Old Business

- a. R-02-24 is favorably recommended.
- b. There is a vote.
- c. R-02-24 passes.
- d. R-03-24 is favorably recommended.
- e. There is a vote.
- f. R-03-24 passes.
- g. R-04-24 is favorably recommended.
- h. There is a vote.
- i. R-04-24 passes.
- j. B-01-24 is favorably recommended.
- k. There is a vote.
- l. B-01-24 passes.

#### **IV.** New Business

- a. C-01-24 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSITUTION TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY AMENDMENTS V, VI, VII, AND VIII
- b. Motion to immediately consider.
- c. Call for division.
- d. Roll call vote.
- e. Motion passes.
- f. Motion to send piece to committee.
- g. Motion fails.
- h. There is a vote to pass.
- i. C-01-24 passes.

- j. C-02-24 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSITUTION TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY AMENDMENTS IX, X, XI, AND XII
- k. Sent to the Rules Committee.
- l. **B-02-24** A BILL TO UPDATE THE CODE OF LAWS FOR 2024 IN REGARD TO THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
- m. Motion to immediately consider.
- n. Motion passes.
- o. Motion to amend grammatical error.
- p. Motion passes.
- q. There is a vote.
- r. **B-02-24** passes.
- s. **R-5-24** A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECYCLING OPTIONS IN DIRECT PROXIMITY TO TRASH AREAS ON CAMPUS
- t. Motion to immediately consider.
- u. Motion passes.
- v. There is a vote.
- w. **R-5-24** passes.
- x. R-6-24 A RESOLUTION TO PLACE HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS NEXT TO FIRST FLOOR ELEVATORS IN RESIDENCE HALLS
- y. Sent to the Student Affairs Committee
- z. R-7-24 A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADDITION OF CLOSED CAPTIONING TO ALL SGA LIVE STREAMS
- aa. Motion to immediately consider. bb. Motion passes. cc. There is a vote. dd. R-7-24 passes.
- ee. **R-8-24** A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SGA COLLABORATIVE CLOTHING DRIVE WITH THE TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE ff. Motion to immediately consider. gg. Motion passes. hh. There is a vote. ii. **R-8-24** passes.
- jj. R-9-24 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WALLMOUNTED SHARPS CONTAINERS IN BUILDINGS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAMPUS
- kk. Motion to immediately consider. ll. Motion passes. mm.

There is a vote. nn. R-9-24 passes.

00. **R-10-24** A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE FREE PRACTICE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING EXAM PREP BOOKS ON CAMPUS pp.

Motion to immediately consider.

- qq. Motion passes.
- rr. There is a vote.
- ss. R-10-24 passes.
- tt. **R-11-24** A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RENAMING OF A STREET, BOULEVARD, OR AVENUE AFTER COACH NICK SABAN uu. Motion to immediately consider.

vv. Motion passes. ww. There is a vote. xx. **R-1124** passes.

#### V. Adjournment

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



# 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 Assocation 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 Phifer 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:

- 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 codirectors 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.



# Constitutional Amendment C-01-24 The University of Alabama

#### 28th Senate 2023-2024

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

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

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

## AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY AMENDMENTS V, VI, VII, AND VIII

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 practices within the SGA have changed over time and the Constitution should reflect those changes.
- C. Certain wording needs to be modified to correct contradictions and provide clarification.
- D. Individuals who previously served as a Top 5 campaigner on a campaign team could not serve on the Student Elections Board

- E. Individuals who previously served as a Top 5 campaigner on a campaign team have a firm understanding of the election rules.
- F. The Judicial Board rules on the ethics of election proceedings and has the power to right any wrongdoing.
- G. Allowing individuals who previously served as a Top 5 campaigner on a campaign team to serve on the Student Elections Board will expand the expertise and application pool for the Student Elections Board, ultimately strengthening the board.
- H. The Student Elections Board vetting process is ordered in a way that requires unnecessary extra work, so reordering the steps of selection will simplify this process.
- I. There was no contingency plan in place in the event that not enough members of the Student Elections Board are able to convene to issue a decision.
- J. Candidates for Executive Office did not previously have codified disciplinary requirements.

Section 2. Amendment to the Constitution: changes in red

#### ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BRANCH

**Section 3**: Eligibility. Eligibility requirements of all candidates intending to run for an executive office must be met prior to the election day.

- A. Members of the student executive branch shall be elected or appointed, as outlined in this Constitution or as outlined in the Code of Laws, from full-time students at The University of Alabama.
- B. Candidates for Executive Office must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with The University of Alabama and must remain in this status during his or her term unless there are mitigating circumstances in which the student can request a review for an exemption by the Dean of Students who shall assign appropriate sanctions in addition to whatever requirements are already in place by the Office of Student Conduct.
- C. All undergraduate students seeking an Executive Office must have an overall GPA from The University of Alabama of not less than 2.30 on a 4.0 scale. Undergraduate candidates must have earned at least 36 credit hours with at least 12 of them from The University of Alabama.
  - 1. Candidates for Executive Vice-President must be rising seniors with undergraduate graduation scheduled during the academic year of the conclusion of their term of office.

- 2. An elected Executive Vice-President that fails to graduate at the end of their term of office will be ineligible from running or serving in another executive office.
- 3. Candidates for Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion must have demonstrated interest in matters pertaining to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the campus community as a whole.
- D. All law students seeking an executive office must have a cumulative overall GPA from The University of Alabama of not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale and earned at least 12 credits from The University of Alabama.
- E. All graduate students seeking an executive office must have an overall GPA from The University of Alabama of not less than 3.00 on a 4.0 scale. Graduate candidates must have earned at least 9 credit hours from The University of Alabama.
- F. Any graduate or law school candidate whose undergraduate degree was earned from The University of Alabama is exempted from the credit hour requirement, provided his or her undergraduate GPA at The University of Alabama was at least 2.30 on a 4.0 scale and he or she currently has the appropriate graduate or law school GPA. If elected, an SGA executive officer must earn a minimum GPA equal to his or her qualifying GPA each semester he or she is in office.
- G. All elected members of the executive branch shall be elected according to the procedures stated in Article IX

#### ARTICLE V - JUDICIAL BRANCH

**Section 2**: Jurisdiction. The Judicial Board shall have jurisdiction to consider the following matters:

- A. All controversies arising under this Constitution and any rules or regulations which may be established pursuant to this Constitution;
- B. All student parking violations cited by The University of Alabama Office of Transportation Services being that the responsibility is designated by the appropriate University administrative officials or standing committee;
- C. All controversies arising under the Code of Student Conduct for which the Judicial Board has been designated as a "Judicial Body" or an "Appellate Board" within the meaning of the Code of Student Conduct;
- D. All controversies arising under the Code of Academic Conduct as designated by the administration at The University of Alabama;
- E.—D. All appeals arising under student elections regulations;
- F.—E. The impeachment and removal proceedings as outlined in Article IX of this Constitution.

**Section 6:** Eligibility. Judicial Board Justices and Judicial Board Clerks shall be selected in the spring semester of each school year from full-time students at The University of Alabama.

#### A. Academic requirements.

- 1. Undergraduate students. All undergraduate students seeking judicial office must have an minimum overall cumulative GPA of not less than 2.30 on a 4.0 scale and earned at least 12 credit hours from The University of Alabama.
- 2. Law students. All law students seeking judicial office must have an minimum overall cumulative GPA of not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale and earned at least 12 credit hours from The University of Alabama.
- 3. Graduate students. All graduate students seeking judicial office must have an minimum overall cumulative GPA of not less than 3.00 on a 4.0 scale and earned at least 9 credit hours from The University of Alabama. B. Selection.

#### B. Selection.

- 1. Candidates for justice and clerk shall submit blind applications.
- 2. The blind review of each application will be made by the Chief Justice and a minimum of two non-returning justices selected by the non-returning in good standing justices of the Judicial Board and the Chief Justice.
  - a. In the event there are no non-returning justices, the Attorney General and a Senator selected from the membership of the Senate Rules Committee will assist the Chief Justice in the blind application review.
  - b. In the event that the Chief Justice is a returning to serve another term as an Associate Justice or a Clerk, a staff member from the Office of Student Conduct at The University of Alabama will lead in the blind review of each application. A Judicial Selection Panel will conduct a personal interview of applicants.
- 3. The Judicial Selection Panel shall consist of the following:
  - a. One representative from the Office of Student Conduct;
  - b. At least three non-returning justices selected by the non-returning members Chief Justice in good standing of the Judicial Board;
    - i. In the event there are not at least three non-returning members in good standing of the Judicial Board, then one non-returning justice shall be selected by the non-returning members Chief Justice in good standing of the Judicial Board.
      - 1. In the event that there are not at least three non-returning justices in good standing of the Judicial Board, then the Executive Council shall select two members of the executive branch to serve on the selection panel and the Senate shall select one member of the Senate to serve on the selection panel.

- c. The Chief Justice of the Judicial Board.
  - i. In the event that the Chief Justice is returning to serve another term, then a staff member from the Office of Student Conduct at The University of Alabama shall serve on the selection panel.

C. Confirmation. Candidates for Judicial Board justices and clerks shall be confirmed or denied confirmation by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote) of the Senate.

D. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy on the student Judicial Board, the Chief Justice shall have sole responsibility and full discretion to initiate the application process. Applications for the vacant office shall be available on the SGA website for a period, the minimum of which is 5 academic days, and chosen applicants shall submit to an interview conducted by the Chief Justice, an Associate Justice, and one representative of the Executive Branch identified by the President. Said committee shall be responsible for selecting the applicant(s) qualified to submit to the interview process, as well as those who shall fill the vacancy. The SGA President, Student Senate, and Judicial Advisor must approve the members selected to fill the vacancies. For vacancies that occur forty days prior to the spring SGA elections, those vacant Judicial Board seats shall remain vacant until the selections process for the next Judicial Board begins.

**Section 8**: Duties and Responsibilities of justices. The justices of the Judicial Board shall:

- A. Hear cases and make rulings;
- B. Recommend to the Chief Justice methods for the fair and equitable assignment of cases and appeals;
- C. Recommend rules of procedure to the Chief Justice;
- D. Carefully consider and fairly decide all cases and controversies coming before them as members of the Judicial Board;
- E. Recuse themselves from participating in any proceeding in which their impartiality may be compromised, in which they have knowledge of a disputed fact, or in which they have an interest, other than as a student, in the outcome. Failure to recuse oneself shall be grounds for impeachment and removal from office.

#### ARTICLE VI - FIRST YEAR COUNCIL

#### **Section 1:** Purpose.

A. The First Year Council, abbreviated hereafter as FYC, shall represent first-year students at The University of Alabama. The FYC shall provide first-year students with experiences in the legislative branch of the SGA.

**Section 2**: Composition and allocation of seats.

- A. The FYC shall be a body of sixty-five first-year students.
- B. Members will be selected from their respective campus residence halls. Thirty-three of the sixty-five seats shall be allocated in proportion to the first-year student populations within the residence halls. Each residence hall with a first-year population shall be allocated at least one council seat. At least one seat in the FYC shall be designated as a representative for students who do not live in the residence halls. At least one seat in the FYC shall be designated as a representative for students who do not live in the residence halls.
  - a.—1. The First Year Council Selections Committee will have discretion over determining the number of seats given to each residence hall based on population numbers provided by the Residence Hall Association.
- C. Three seats in the FYC shall be designated as "At-Large Seats." These seats will serve the purpose of representing first year students who do not live in residence halls.
- D. C. The remaining thirty two seats shall be allocated strictly by merit, based on the scoring system of applications and interviews designed by the Executive Vice President and Director of First Year Council.

#### **Section 3**: Duties and responsibilities of the FYC.

- A. The FYC shall function as a member of the legislative branch through:
  - 1. Developing and passing resolutions that express the sentiment of first-year students;
  - 2. Developing and passing Acts or Bills of the First Year Council.
    - a. The FYC shall function as a lower chamber to the SGA Senate when passing Acts or Bills of the First Year Council.

#### **Section 4**: Selection.

- A. FYC members shall be selected no earlier than the fourth week of class during the fall semester and no later than the sixth week of class during the fall semester.
- B. The Executive Vice President shall appoint a student or UA staff member to blind all applications received for the First Year Council. This person shall not be permitted to participate in the formal selection process. The Executive Vice President, along with at least two former first-year councilors, shall review blinded applications and reduce the number to an amount appropriate for interviewing.
- C. The First Year Council Selections Committee will be composed of the Director of First Year Council, Assistant Director of First Year Council, the Executive Vice President, the Speaker of the Senate, the First Year Council Judicial Liaison, and up to three additional members appointed by and at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.

- 1. The role of the Selections Committee will be to read and grade the First Year Council applications and participate in deliberations that will determine what applicants are interviewed and selected.
- D. Interviews shall be conducted by a committee composed of two designates from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.
  - i.—1. The President shall designate the representatives from the executive branch.
  - ii.—2. The Speaker of the Senate shall designate the representatives from the legislative branch.
  - 3. The Chief Justice shall designate the representatives from the judicial branch.
- E. Those selected to serve as members of FYC shall be certified by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote) of the SGA Senate.
- F. In the case of vacant seats in the First Year Council, the Executive Vice President shall appoint the next highest scoring applicant(s) to said vacant seat(s) to be certified by a majority vote (fifty percent plus one vote) of the SGA Senate.

#### ARTICLE VII - THE CODE OF LAWS

#### **Section 1**: Definition and jurisdiction of the Code of Laws.

- A. The Code of Laws shall be a record of all rules, procedures, and by-laws adopted and practiced by all branches and members of the SGA with the lone exception of the Student Elections Board Elections Manual.
- B. Anything within the Code of Laws that contradicts this Constitution shall be considered null-and-void.
- C. The Code of Laws shall be the highest authority in the SGA, with the exception of this Constitution and the Student Elections Board Elections Manual. The Constitution shall be the highest authority over all matters in the SGA, followed by the Code of Laws, and lastly the Student Elections Board Manual.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS**

#### Section 1: Student Elections Board.

- A. All SGA elections shall be overseen by the Student Elections Board.
- B. Composition and Qualifications.
  - 1. The Student Elections Board shall be composed of:
    - a. At least one student representative from each degree-granting college, totaling twelve (12) members.
    - b. The faculty advisor for the Student Government Association.

- 2. Undergraduate candidates must have a GPA from the University of Alabama of at least a 2.30 on a 4.00 scale. Undergraduate candidates must have earned at least twelve credit hours from the University of Alabama.
- 3. Law School candidates must have a GPA from the University of Alabama of at least a 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. Law School candidates must have earned at least twelve credit hours from the University of Alabama.
- 4. Graduate School candidates must have a GPA from the University of Alabama of at least a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Graduate School candidates must have earned at least nine credit hours from the University of Alabama. All graduate candidates must be enrolled primarily as graduate degree seeking students. Accelerated Masters Program (AMP) students are not eligible for election to graduate student Senate seats, unless they have been awarded and have had conferred upon them a Bachelor's degree by the candidacy filing deadline.
- 5. If a candidate previously worked as one of the top five campaigners on a campaign, they are disqualified from serving on the Student Elections Board.
- 6. If a candidate has been found responsible for any past election violations, whether as a candidate or as a part of a campaign team, they will not be allowed to serve on the Student Elections Board.
- C. Selections. Student Elections Board members shall serve terms of at least one year and shall be selected as follows:
  - 1. An application will be posted to the SGA website the day following the Spring election and will remain open for ten (10) full academic days.
  - 2. Names of the twelve (12) selected students will be forwarded to the Dean of Students office for approval.
    - a. The Dean of Students will review academic and disciplinary records of selected students.
    - b. Students who have open Student Non-Academic Misconduct or Academic Misconduct cases, or if they have unfinished sanctions from previous cases, are ineligible for the Student Elections Board.
    - c. If a selected student has a past academic or disciplinary record, it is up to the discretion of the Dean of Students whether or not to approve the selected student.
  - 3. A review panel comprised composed of the outgoing SGA President, Speaker of Senate, Chief Justice, Executive Vice President, and Attorney General will convene to review applicants and select the first six students to the new Student Elections Board, according to the guidelines outlined in subsection B.

- 4. The Vice-President of Student Life will appoint the remaining six applicants to the Student Elections Board.
- 5. Once approved, the Student Elections Board will elect a Chair of Elections Board from within its membership. The Student Elections Board will also elect an Assistant Chair from within its membership, who will still take the place of the Chair should the Chair be absent for any reason.
- 6. The Student Elections Board will serve their one-year term once selected until the following spring elections results are deemed final.
- 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.
      - 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 a appeal is submitted upon the Oversight 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.

- 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.
  - 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-2-24 The University of Alabama 28th Senate 2023-2024

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### A BILL TO UPDATE THE CODE OF LAWS FOR 2024 IN REGARD TO THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

#### Section 1. Findings:

- A. The Financial Affairs Committee has reviewed the University of Alabama Student Government Assocation Code of Laws
- B. The Code of Laws has been continually updated to reflect the Finacial Affairs Committee allocation process
- C. To continue the process of making the allocation of funding by the Financial Affairs Committee more accessible, understandable, and equitable, the Code of Laws needs to be updated as follows:
- D. Reduce fiscal year eligibility cap from \$10,000 to \$7,500

- E. Eliminate the individual required categories for spending, associated with funding
- F. Add a travel cap of \$500 per traveler per fiscal year
- G. Establish an equipment cap of \$4999.99 for a single item due to capital expenditure guidelines
- H. Add a cap on cultural food at \$2000 per fiscal year in addition to a per person limit of \$15.00 per student
- I. Require organizations to submit a budget with their funding request for review by the Financial Affairs Committee

Section 2. Legislation: changes in red

Chapter 601 FAC Student Organization Eligibility

Chapter 601.1 Definition of Eligibility

Chapter 601.1.1 For the purposes of application for FAC funds, an eligible student organization, hereafter referred to as organization, is hereby defined as an UA campus student organization who has been registered with the SOURCE for at least one month, and whose President or Treasurer has completed the FAC Online Training and quiz.

Chapter 601.1.2: The organization's credentials with the SOURCE must be renewed annually to remain eligible for FAC funds.

Chapter 601.1.3 The organization must include closed captioning on all public facing media presentations through Rev to engage and include the entire student body at the University of Alabama.

Chapter 601.2 Forfeiture of Eligibility

Chapter 601.2.1 If an organization spends funding allocated from the FAC on a program or event and then does not execute it, the offending organization shall not be eligible for FAC funding during the next fiscal year.

Chapter 601.2.2 The SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs shall have the ability to waive Chapter 6701.2.31 in the event that the non-execution of the organization's event or program was due to unavoidable external circumstances.

Chapter 601.3 The FAC Advisor shall disregard any FAC applications made by organizations who have not fulfilled the requirements in the previous subsections.

Chapter 602 Application Procedures and Regulations

Chapter 602.1 All eligible organizations requesting FAC funding must submit an online budget request to FAC using mySource before the deadline listed on the SGA website.

Chapter 602.2 The FAC Advisor shall compile all eligible organizational requests for the FAC in the form of a ledger listing the following items: Organization name, Total requested amount, Total eligible amount, Categorical distribution of the request, and any additional notes deemed pertinent to the request at the Advisor's discretion.

Chapter 602.3 An organization's president or treasurer must attend the FAC meeting to officially present the funding request and to answer questions from the FAC members.

Chapter 602.3.1 Organizations shall make their presentations in the chronological order in which the funding requests were made.

Chapter 602.3.2 The failure of either the student organization's president or treasurer to appear before the FAC shall result in said organization's budget request being denied, and a new funding request will be required for reconsideration.

Chapter 602.4 An organization's president or treasurer must provide the FAC with an accurate list of active members of the organization.

Chapter 602.4.1 The FAC will average member totals from the last three (3) official meetings or events in order to obtain an accurate view of the size and scope of the organization.

Chapter 603 Funding Guidelines

Chapter 603.1 Funds must be spent by student organizations in the fiscal year in which the allocation was made.

Chapter 603.1.1 Each student organization shall be allowed a maximum amount of \$7,500 funding per fiscal year.

Chapter 603.2 Monies for student travel purposes may be funded to organizations in an amount based on FAC limitation regulations, per fiscal year.

Chapter 603.2.1 Organizations will be allowed to receive up to \$400.00 per student, with a maximum amount of \$2,400.00 per fiscal year for travel.

Chapter 603.2.21 The FAC shall have full discretion regarding what constitutes an acceptable travel expense and eligibility for travel funding.

Chapter 603.3 Food and beverages are not eligible for allocation unless the event is cultural in nature and food is the focus of the event.

Chapter 603.3.1 Food or beverages for regular meetings are not eligible for allocation.

Chapter 603.3.2 Organizations will be allowed to receive up to \$2,000.00 per fiscal year for cultural food.

Chapter 603.4 Funding for general office supplies, postage, printing, or advertising may be funded by FAC up to a maximum amount of \$800.00 per fiscal year.

Chapter 603.4.1 Printing for newsletters, fliers, posters, and directories shall qualify as office supplies.

Chapter 603.4.2 Advertising expenses shall qualify under office supplies and expense limits listed in Chapter 601.4.

Chapter 603.45 Allocation for equipment purchases may be made based on UA Purchasing, Spending, and Risk Management policies.

Chapter 603.56 Funding for a single piece of equipment will be capped at \$4,999.99.

Chapter 603.56.1 Organizations will be allowed to receive a maximum of \$800.00 per fiscal year for equipment. The cost of a single piece of equipment cannot exceed the capital expenditure threshold of \$4,999.99.

Chapter 603.56.2 Items must be kept in a secure location on campus.

Chapter 603.56.3 Items purchased with FAC approved funding are property of the University of Alabama.

Chapter 603.7 Certain expenses not explicitly covered under FAC guidelines may be allocated for project expenditures such as speakers, musicians, venue rental, equipment rental, at the discretion of the committee.

Chapter 603.7.1 Organizations may spend a maximum of \$6,000.00 per fiscal year on project expenditures.

Chapter 603.68 The FAC considers the following factors when allocating funds:

Chapter 603.68.1 Nature of the project or activity.

Chapter 603.68.2 Number of students affected by the project or activity.

Chapter 603.68.3 Size of the student organization.

Chapter 603.68.4 Adherence to FAC guidelines.

Chapter 603.68.5 Degree of outside funding.

Chapter 603.68.6 Co-sponsorship of a project by two or more student organizations.

Chapter 603.68.7 Precedence based on previous FAC deliberations.

Chapter 603.68.8 The number of pending requests to the FAC made by Student Organizations.

Chapter 603.68.9 Percentage of student organization members who have undergone Office of Student Involvement-recognized training programs including, but not limited to, Safe Zone, Suicide Prevention training, Bama Boot Camp, Bystander Intervention, Poverty Simulations, and PIE Workshops.

Chapter 603.79 National dues, awards, plaques, gifts, donations, first-class air travel, alcoholic beverages, personal items, Holiday cards, flowers and live plants shall not be funded by the FAC.

Chapter 603.810 The FAC reserves the right to set additional limitations for funding categories. Additional limits, processes, and procedures shall be located in the FAC funding guidelines.

Chapter 604 Senate Consideration of FAC Allocations

Chapter 604.1 The FAC shall submit the allocations to the Senate in the form of an act.

Chapter 604.1.1 The act shall detail the name of the recipient organization, the amount requested for each individual item, and the amount granted for each individual item.

Chapter 604.1.2 If the item funded is for travel, then the act shall specify the nature of the event, the location of the event, and the number of persons travelling to the event.

Chapter 604.1.3 If the item funded is for a project, then the act shall specify the nature of the project and the dates in which the project will be undertaken.

Chapter 604.2 At the request of any Senator, a student organization shall be required to provide a written explanation no longer than one paragraph detailing the need for funding, how the funds will be disbursed, the recipients of the funds, and the event or programs related to said disbursement, which will be read on the Senate floor.

Chapter 604.3 Failure for an organization to provide the written explanation detailed under Chapter 605.2 will lead to the automatic tabling of the funding request, providing that the request for written explanation was made in a timely manner.

Chapter 604.4 The Senate shall have the authority to:

Chapter 604.4.1 Approve all proposed allocations en bloc.

Chapter 604.4.2 Consider and vote upon the proposed allocations seriatim.

Chapter 604.4.3 Amend the allocations individually, provided that the amended allocation does not exceed the funding limits or prohibitions defined in Chapter 603 and its subsections, or that the amendment does not seek to override the FAC's decision to table or deny a funding request.

Chapter 604.4.4 Table a particular allocation.

Chapter 604.4.5 Deny all proposed allocations en bloc.

Chapter 604.4.6 Votes on any motions made in regard to this Chapter shall be taken via the recording of the yeas and nays of the members.

Chapter 604.5 The Senate shall consider the FAC allocations in accordance with their rules and procedures along with the rules contained hereinbefore in this Title.

Chapter 604.5.1 The Senate shall not have the power to award any money to a student organization that has not requested that money through the Financial Affairs Committee or was denied that money through the Financial Affairs Committee.

Chapter 605 FAC Reimbursement Procedure

Chapter 605.1 Advance funds may be available in certain circumstances using the UA procurement procedures; organizations wishing to take advantage of this option should contact the FAC Advisor regarding availability of these funds.

Chapter 605.2 A Reimbursement Request Package containing the original proofs of purchase and proofs of payment must be presented upon completion of the project or activity for reimbursement of funds; reimbursement requests should be made within sixty days of notification of award, or date of travel or event.

Chapter 605.3 Any funds remaining unclaimed after the sixty days will be returned to the FAC for reallocation.

Chapter 605.3.1 Funds must be spent by student organizations in the fiscal year in which the allocation was made.

Chapter 606 Recognition of FAC Contributions and Transparency

Chapter 606.1 After the Senate consideration of the FAC allocations, the act, in both "as introduced" and "as passed" forms, shall be made available on the SGA website as public information.

Chapter 606.2 All relevant documents pertaining to FAC applications, procedures, and rules shall be posted and maintained on the SGA website.

Chapter 606.3 All organizations who receive funding from FAC for the purposes of executing their project shall publicly recognize the FAC's contribution.

Chapter 607 SGA Budget and Pay Scale

Chapter 607.1 The SGA Executive branch shall prepare a budget proposal for each fiscal year.

Chapter 607.1.1 Each SGA official responsible for the utilization of funds within an SGA account within the Operating Budget shall prepare a detailed budget of expected needs for the account over the following fiscal year.

Chapter 607.2 The Vice President for Financial Affairs or his/her designee shall present the following year's budget to the Senate during a legislative session.

Chapter 607.2.1 The SGA Budget shall be sent to the Senate Committee on Finance for Review.

Chapter 607.2.2 A vote of approval for that budget by the Student Senate shall be held no less than seven days later at a meeting of the Student Senate.

Chapter 607.3 The SGA Executive Branch shall prepare a pay scale proposal at the beginning of each SGA administration.

Chapter 607.4 The Vice President for Financial Affairs or his/her designee shall present the following year's Pay Scale to the Senate during a legislative session.

Chapter 607.4.1 The SGA Pay Scale shall be sent to the Senate Committee on Finance for review.

Chapter 607.4.2 At the request of any Senator, a detailed description of each salaried position shall be provided by the Executive Secretary or the Vice President for Financial Affairs.

Chapter 608 SGA Appropriations Chapter 608.1 Legislative Spending

Chapter 608.1.1 Senators who require access to SGA funds shall be required to submit an appropriations act to the Senate for ratification.

Chapter 608.1.1.1 At the request of any Senator, the Senator requesting the funds must provide specific details as to the amount of funds desired and the exact manner in which they shall be used.

Chapter 608.1.2 Operational expenses from the Office of the Speaker under \$2,000 are exempt from the appropriations bill requirement.

Chapter 608.1.3 First Year Councilors who require access to SGA funds shall be required to submit a joint appropriations act to the First Year Council and the Senate for ratification.

Chapter 608.1.4 At the request of the Senate Committee on Finance Chair or the First Year Council Financial Affairs Committee Chair, the Councilor requesting the funds must provide specific details as to the amount of funds desired and the exact manner in which they shall be used.

Chapter 608.1.5 The Legislative branch must conform to current accounting guidelines established by the UA Financial Accounting Department.

Chapter 608.2 Executive Spending

Chapter 608.2.1 Any allocation by the Executive Council of more than \$2,000 must be presented to the Senate for approval in the form of an act.

Chapter 608.2.2 At the request of any Senator, the Executive Council must provide specific details as to the amount of funds desired and the exact manner in which they will be used.

Chapter 608.2.3 The Executive Council must conform to any rules and guidelines set for it by the FAC for all of its allocations as well as those established by the UA Financial Accounting Department.

Chapter 608.3 Judicial Spending

Chapter 608.3.1 Expenditures from the Judicial Branch shall come from a sum allocated to the Student Court account annually within the SGA budget.

Chapter 608.3.2 Additional allocations to the Student Court Account must be approved by the Senate through an appropriations act.

Chapter 608.3.2.1 At the request of any Senator, the Chief Justice of the Student Court must provide specific details as to the amount of funds desired and the exact manner in which they will be used.

Chapter 608.3.3 The Judicial Branch must conform to current accounting guidelines established by the UA Financial Accounting Department.

Chapter 608.4 Negative Balance Contingency Plan

Chapter 608.4.1 Should any account contained in the SGA budget experience a negative balance, then the Vice President for Financial Affairs, at his or her discretion and without the consent of the Senate, shall be vested with the authority to transfer funds from the Executive Contingency account to the account exhibiting the negative balance such that the resulting balance of that account is zero.

Chapter 608.4.2 Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to grant the Vice President for Financial Affairs the authority to transfer funds from other accounts in the SGA budget, with exception of the Executive Contingency account, to rectify negative account balances.

Chapter 609 Recognition of SGA Contributions and Transparency

Chapter 609.1 A financial statement of all SGA expenditures, along with all pertaining acts approved by the Senate, shall be posted on the SGA website monthly.

Chapter 609.2 All available past SGA financial records shall be made available on the SGA website.

Chapter 609.3 The SGA pay scale, along with all pertaining acts approved by the Senate, shall be posted on the SGA website.

#### Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this Bill shall be sent to: Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Dr. Steven Hood, UA Vice President for Student Life; John McLendon, SGA Attorney General; Katerina Werkhaven, SGA Webmaster; Cassie Yeager, Manager of Student Life Business Servies



# Resolution R-05-24 The University of Alabama 28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Chloe Pickle

Sponsors: Speaker Jack Rudder, Senator Walker Parsons, Senator Sarah Clevenger,

Senator Lucy Bonhaus, Senator Kendall Stanton

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

## A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECYCLYING OPTIONS IN DIRECT PROXIMITY TO TRASH AREAS ON CAMPUS

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

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama strives to maintain recycling and environmentally positive efforts across campus; and

WHEREAS, many trash areas across campus including the Quad, academic buildings, and University Libraries do not offer recycling bins in direct proximity to trash bins; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that recycling efforts could increase by students and faculty if given the opportunity to have a recycling bin in correlation with a trash bin in popularly trafficked areas across campus; and

WHEREAS, many things that students dispose of across campus are recyclables such as plastic cups and water bottles, aluminum cans, and paper waste including recyclable coffee cups; and

WHEREAS, easier accessible recycling options such as recycling bins beside all trash bins across the Quad and all University buildings would help students easier dispose of recyclables, ultimately helping The University of Alabama broaden its recycling efforts;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to make recycling bins accessible in direct proximity to trash bins across the Quad, academic buildings, and University Libraries by placing recycling bins and trash bins beside each other in waste disposal locations.

*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; Paul Wuebold, Associate Vice President UA Facilities and Grounds; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editorin-Chief; and any others that may be deemed necessary at a later date.



#### Resolution R-07-24 The University of Alabama 28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Secretary Jensyn Seay

**Sponsors:** Speaker Jack Rudder

**Endorsements:** Adam Philippe, Director of Communications; Sarah Beth Corona, Press Secretary; Olivia Frazier, Executive Secretary; Andrew Fairburn, Vice President for Student Affairs; Johnny Foster, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Eric Doh, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Samad Gillani, Vice President for External Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Vice President; Collier Dobbs, President

#### A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADDITION OF CLOSED CAPTIONING TO ALL SGA LIVE STREAMS

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

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama is committed to providing accessibility for all its students, including those in the hard-of-heard and/or deaf community; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama Student Government Association often uses social media livestreams for the promotion of information, such as livestreaming Senate Sessions or Presidential Addresses; and

WHEREAS, closed captioning can be added to both Facebook and Instagram livestreams by an in-app feature, provided that sound is captured; and

WHEREAS, this simple fix would benefit many members of the student body as well as individuals outside of it; and

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Executive Director of Communications and/or Press Secretary ensure the addition of closed captioning to SGA's Instagram and Facebook livestreams.

*Be it further resolved*, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association continues to strive for the promoting of inclusion and accessibility for all students through the resources it provides.

*Be it further resolved*, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Rick Funk, The University of Alabama Interim Student Government Advisor; Adam Philippe, Director of Communications; Sarah Beth Corona, Press Secretary; The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



#### **Resolution R-8-24**

#### The University of Alabama

#### 28th Senate 2023-2024

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**Sponsors:** Senator Chloe Pickle, Senator Katherine Gray, Senator Ollie Sinclair, Senator Brooke Garvey, Senator Lucy Bonhaus, Senator Stella Jeffcoat, Senator Primm

Endorsements: Reagan Wells, Deputy Press Secretary; Collier Dobbs, SGA President

## A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SGA COLLABORATIVE CLOTHING DRIVE WITH THE TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

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

#### Section 1. Findings:

1. WHEREAS, the University of Alabama Student Government Association is committed to benefitting our campus community as well as the communities surrounding us;

2. WHEREAS, a recent plan from a UA student has been put in place to have the SGA partner with the Tuscaloosa Public Defender's office to host a business professional clothing drive for their clients who cannot acquire appropriate clothing for court appearances.

#### Section 2. Legislation:

- 1. *THEREFORE*, *be it resolved*, we as the Student Government Association Senate recognize and encourage this partnership and welcome participation.
- 2. Be it further resolved, that copies of this Act be sent to: Rick Funk, The University of Alabama Interim Student Government Advisor; Samad Gillani, The Vice President of External Affairs; Ashlee Woods, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



#### Resolution R-9-24

#### The University of Alabama

#### 28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Katherine Gray, Senator Cassidy Matwiyoff

Sponsors: Senator Kendall Stanton, Senator Sarah Clevenger, Senator Aydan Graham, Senator

Kameron Prim, Senator Emma Blackmon, Senator Jenni Page, Senator Ella Brown, Senator Ollie

Sinclair, Senator Mia Ford

**Endorsements:** Andrew Fairburn, Vice President of Student Affairs; Lillie Kate Walthall, Deputy Director of Programming and Advancement; Bree Hollis, Director of Programming and Advancement for Academic Affairs

# A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WALL-MOUNTED SHARPS CONTAINERS IN BUILDINGS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAMPUS.

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

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama, as a university at the forefront of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives, has a responsibility to provide an accommodating environment for all students on campus, regardless of their medical and health needs;

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama lacks proper and convenient access to necessary bins for the appropriate disposal of biohazardous materials classified as "sharps" i.e., needles; and

WHEREAS, a variety of conditions, including, but not limited to, diabetes and severe allergies require students to generate biohazardous waste considered sharps daily; and

WHEREAS, contamination as a result of improper disposal of sharps may result in physical harm to students, visitors, faculty, or members of the Tuscaloosa community; and

WHEREAS, other universities offer free and public access to such biohazardous waste bins; and

WHEREAS, the University already has programs in place to provide bins for proper disposal of medications and other biohazardous waste not classified as sharps;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Senate of the Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to work with the Facilities and Maintenance Department to provide safe and accessible biohazardous waste disposal for waste classified as sharps on par with that of other universities to initiate accommodations on campus.

*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. G. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost, DEI; Collier Dobbs, Student Government Association President, and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



#### Resolution R-10-24 The University of Alabama 28th Senate 2023-2024

**Authors:** Senator Ethan Pearson & Senator Cade Bailey

**Sponsors:** Senator Eyram Gbeddy

**Endorsements:** Johnny Foster, Vice President of Academic Affairs

## A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE FREE PRACTICE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING 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 their professional careers; and,

WHEREAS, the assistance to this professional license is not up to par with other university offerings; and,

WHEREAS, the FE is required to be taken and passed to become a licensed professional engineer in the United States; 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 FE 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-11-24 The University of Alabama 28th Senate 2023-2024

Authors: Senator Jack Sweda

**Sponsors:** Senator Megan Bonhaus, Senator Lucy Bonhaus, Senator Britton Cooper, Senator Charles Eigner, Senator Walker Parsons

**Endorsements:** Collier Dobbs, SGA President; Johnny Foster, VP of Academic Affairs

### A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RENAMING OF A STREET, BOULEVARD OR AVENUE AFTER COACH NICK SABAN

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

WHEREAS, the mission of The University of Alabama Student Government Association is to serve the common interest of students. It is necessary to acknowledge and meet the needs of our diverse student body; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama continuously acknowledges members of our University community on success and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nick Saban dedicated seventeen years to developing University of Alabama student athletes to achieve their own goals and success; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nick Saban created an environment of perseverance, resilience, dedication, and aspiration for student athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nick Saban won the most national titles in University of Alabama football history benefiting student athletes, students, faculty, staff and citizens of Alabama; and WHEREAS, Coach Nick Saban's success has benefited the City of Tuscaloosa economically and socially, ultimately attracting students worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nick Saban's charitable efforts benefited the City of Tuscaloosa through Nick's Kids Foundation and building 18 Habitat for Humanity homes;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama and the City of Tuscaloosa to honor Coach Nick Saban by renaming a street, boulevard, or avenue after Coach Nick Saban.

**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; Greg Byrne, University of Alabama Athletic Director; Walt Maddox, Tuscaloosa Mayor; Kip Tyner, Tuscaloosa City Council President, *The Crimson White*, and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.