



**The University of Alabama
24th Student Senate 2019 - 2020
Agenda for January 30, 2020
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 - b. Office Hours
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- n. Amendment C-03-20: AN AMENDMENT TO CREATE A COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

VI. Adjourn



Resolution R-04-20
The University of Alabama
Student Government Association 2019-2020

Authors: Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Olivia Davis

Sponsors: Speaker Kathryn Hayes; Secretary Leslie Young; Senator Jillian Fields; Senator Samuel Rickert; Senator Cade Boseck; Senator Jamison Hanley; Senator William Stiers; Senator Anna Beth Payne; Senator Joel Rittenburg; Senator Daniel Perkins; Senator Ellen Walton; Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Allison Koszyk, Senator Ellie Schulman

Endorsements: Vice President of Student Affairs, Jason Rothfarb; Vice President of External Affairs, Brooks Payne; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Allison Bailey; Director of Health and Safety, Mason Aldridge; Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Demarcus Joiner; Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PUSHBUTTON-INTEGRATED ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS
ACROSS CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is a flagship university in research, innovation, and safety; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama Transportation and Parking services continually improve the quality of commuting on campus; and

WHEREAS, several crosswalks across campus utilize pushbutton-integrated accessible pedestrian signals to aid students with visual impairments and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, accessible pedestrian signals are defined as “devices that communicate information about the walk and don’t walk intervals at signalized intersections in non-visual formats to pedestrians who are blind or who have low vision” by the official accessible pedestrian signal website; and

WHEREAS, not all crosswalks on The University of Alabama campus currently have the pushbutton-integrated accessible pedestrian signals; and

WHEREAS, The American Council of the Blind endorses the use of these accessible pedestrian signals for members of society with visual impairments and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all students that commute around campus;

Therefore, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to work with the city of Tuscaloosa to implement consistent technology among crosswalks in the form of accessible pedestrian signals.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be enacted by the Fall of 2020.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Stephanie Shamblin, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Chris D’Esposito, Director of Transportation Services; Lee Busby, District Four City Councilman; Savannah Bullard, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-05-2020
The University of Alabama
Senate 2019-2020

Authored By: Senator Sam Rickert, Vice President of Student Affairs Jason Rothfarb

Sponsored By: Speaker Kathryn Hayes, Senator Jillian Fields, Senator Daniel Perkins, Senator Will Stiers, Senator Jamison Hanley, Senator Joel Rittenberg, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Cade Boseck, Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Allison Koszyk

Endorsed By: James Knickrehm, Associate Director of Transportation Services - Transit, Vice President of External Affairs Brooks Payne, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Demarcus Joiner, Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**A RESOLUTION TO PARTNER WITH UA'S DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO ALLOW FOR A BETTER TRANSITION TO
NEW BUS APP "PASSIO GO"**

WHEREAS, UA's Department of Transportation is tasked with transporting the student body around campus; and

WHEREAS, The student body on and off-campus use UA buses as an alternative to driving; and

WHEREAS, The use of UA buses is instrumental for students to travel around campus as well as to campus; and

WHEREAS, UA Department of Transportation has switched from using the "Rider" app to a different app to allow students to track when their bus will arrive; and

WHEREAS, Some students at the University have not realized that the "Rider" app is no longer in use; and

WHEREAS, Students who have switched have voiced problems with the new app; and

WHEREAS, The best way for UA Transportation to update/fix the app is to have the problems reported to them then sent on to the company, and

WHEREAS, UA Transportation does not have the same platform/reach to inform students as SGA; and

THEREFORE, Now it be *RESOLVED*, Within "Bama Asks" a transportation category is created and posted to the SGA website for students to submit problems they have with the app.

Be it further resolved, the problems submitted to the form will be sent to the Department of Transportation to assist in the fixing and improvement of the new bus app.

Be it further resolved, the Student Government Association will use our social media platforms to inform students of the survey, assist transportation in notifying students of updates made to the app, and inform students that the University has switched from the "Rider" app to "Passio GO!"

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for

Student Life; Savannah Bullard, Editor-In-Chief of *The Crimson White*; Harrison Adams, President of Student Government Association; Emily Davigon, Director of IT and Webmaster; Chris D'Esposito, Director of Transportation Services; James Knickrehm, Associate Director of Transportation Services.



Resolution R-06-2020

The University of Alabama

Senate 2019-2020

Authored By: Vice President of Student Affairs Jason Rothfarb, Chief Advisor to the President Caitlyn McTier, Senator Sam Rickert

Sponsored By: Speaker Kathryn Hayes, Senator Jillian Fields, Senator Daniel Perkins, Senator Will Stiers, Senator Jamison Hanley, Senator Joel Rittenberg, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Cade Boseck, Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Allison Koszyk, Senator Ellie Schulman

Endorsed By: Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Demarcus Joiner, Vice President of External Affairs Brooks Payne, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
“BAMA ASKS” TO THE SGA WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, the SGA motto is “students serving students”; and

WHEREAS, the transition to a large University like UA can be overwhelming for students; and

WHEREAS, students at UA have questions about resources, events, etc. pertaining to the campus; and

WHEREAS, there are departments on campus who can give them a well educated answer; and

WHEREAS, students can pick from categories which their question/comment concerns; and

WHEREAS, “Bama Asks” takes questions/comments submitted then sends them to designated members in each department related to the submission; and

WHEREAS, this will allow for students questions to be answered correctly and in a timely matter; and

WHEREAS, this will be located on the SGA website for easy access for all students; and

THEREFORE, now it be *RESOLVED*, “Bama Asks” is created and posted to the SGA website allowing for easy access from all students.

Be it further resolved, a list of representatives is made for each category within “Bama Asks” for questions/comments to be sent to.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Savannah Bullard, Editor-In-Chief of *The Crimson White*; Harrison Adams, President of Student Government Association; Emily Davigon, Director of IT and Webmaster.



**Amendment C-02-2020
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020**

Authored by: Senator Jillian Fields

Sponsored by: Speaker Kathryn Hayes, Senator Allison Koszyk, Senator Erin Jolley

Endorsed by: Chief Justice Clayton Lawing

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION UPDATING
LANGUAGE AND COMMON PRACTICES OF THE JUDICIAL
BOARD**

Section 1.

Findings:

- A. The Student Government Association Constitution features several spelling errors throughout Article V.
- B. The Office of Student Conduct is the primary supervisory entity for the SGA Judicial Board.
- C. The University of Alabama and the Office of Student Conduct have the power to delegate judicial power to the SGA Judicial Board
- D. The Office of Student Conduct seeks clarification and codification of common practices pursuant to the SGA Constitution.

Section 2. Amendment to the Constitution: **changes in red**

ARTICLE V - JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1: Judicial Power. All judicial power of the SGA shall be vested in the Student Judicial Board, abbreviated hereafter as Judicial Board.

- A. The Judicial Board shall be delegated judicial power by the administration of The University of Alabama.
- B. The Judicial Board shall be vested judicial power by this Constitution and any rules or regulations which may be established pursuant to this Constitution.

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 ~~deisgnated~~ **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. All appeals arising under student elections regulations;
- F. The impeachment and removal proceedings as outlined in Article IX of this Constitution.

Section 3: Composition. The Judicial Board shall consist of **up to one justice for every 1,200 students enrolled at The University of Alabama with a minimum of 15 justices and up to one clerk for every 6,000 students enrolled. a preset number of Associate Justices and Clerks, as decided by the Office of Student Conduct prior to the opening of the selections process.**

Section 4: Chief Justice. The Judicial Board shall elect a Chief Justice from its membership.

- A. The Chief Justice for the upcoming academic year shall be elected from its current membership prior to the selection of new members.
- B. The Chief Justice-elect shall remain a member of the Judicial Board for the upcoming term; he or she shall also be a member of the selection committee for the upcoming term

1. If the sitting Chief Justice seeks and is granted re-election, he or she shall remain in office, remain a member of the Student Judicial Board, and serve upon the selection committee for Associate Justices for the upcoming term.
2. If the sitting Chief Justice seeks and is denied re-election, he or she shall not serve upon the selection committee for Associate Justices or Clerks for the upcoming term if he or she chooses to submit to the selection process as an Associate Justice or Clerk.
 - a. In said event, the President shall appoint a member of the Executive Branch to fill the vacancy on the selection committee.
3. If the sitting Chief Justice chooses not to seek re-election or chooses not to submit to the selection process for Associate Justice or Clerk then he or she shall serve upon the selection committee.

Section 5: Conduct Hearings. Justices shall receive assignments through a rotation system assigned by the Chief Justice.

- A. A minimum of three justices must be in attendance in order to hear a case presented by a student before reaching a decision.
- B. For parking appeal hearings, if a student chooses not to appear before the board but would like an appeal to be considered, **only one justice three justices** must be in attendance to reach a decision on that case, **with the exception of Summer Panels being at the discretion of the Office of Student Conduct and UA Parking Services.**

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 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 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 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.

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 justice returning to serve another term**, a staff member from the Office of **Judicial Affairs 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 **Judicial Affairs the Office of Student Conduct**;

b. **At least** three non-returning justices selected by the non-returning members 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 in good standing of the Judicial Board.

1. In the event there is not one non-returning justice 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 a **returning justice returning to serve another term**, then a staff member from the Office of **Judicial Affairs 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 **individually** 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 7: Duties and Responsibilities of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice of the Judicial Board shall:

- A. Preside over the Judicial Board;
- B. Assign cases and appeals for panels fairly and equitably among justices;
- C. Ensure that the attendance policy of the Judicial Board is maintained;
- D. Establish and implement an intensive training program for all newly-appointed justices and clerks;
- E. Certify that newly appointed justices or clerks have successfully completed the intensive training program prior to assigning duties to these justices and clerks;

- F. Regularly schedule meetings of the Judicial Board to hear appeals and cases;
- G. Schedule panels to hear campaign violations, **constitutional review cases, judicial review cases**, and issue **appropriate** sanctions as necessary **pursuant to Section 2 of this Constitution**.

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.

Section 9: Duties and Responsibilities of the Judicial Board Clerks.

- A. Judicial Board Clerks shall be appointed by the Chief Justice to administratively process each case or appeal coming before the Judicial Board.
- B. Judicial Board Clerks shall be responsible for the docketing, scheduling, and other administrative functions established by the rules of procedure adopted in accordance with this Article.



Act A-04-20
The University of Alabama
24th SGA Senate 2019-2020

Authors: Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Ellen Walton

Sponsors: Speaker Kathryn Hayes, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Daniel Perkins, Senator Jamison Hanley, Senator Samuel Rickert, Senator Joel Rittenburg, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Jillian Fields, Senator William Stiers, Senator Brittany McMillian

Endorsements: Harrison Adams, SGA President; Dr. Katheen Cramer, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Paula Perry, Associate Director of Student Conduct; Jason Rothfarb, Vice President for Student Affairs; Allison Bailey, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Demarcus Joiner, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Brooks Payne, Vice President for External Affairs; Will Bradley, Deputy Communications Director; Joshua Britt, Director of Programming and Advancement; Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CAPSTONE CREED WEEK

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

Section 1. Findings:

1. The Capstone Creed was created by The University of Alabama to state the values and foundations of an ideal member of the University community.
2. There is currently no programming specifically organized to inform, celebrate and evaluate the Capstone Creed.
3. Many University students at informational forums have expressed a current level of disconnect with the Capstone Creed.

4. The Office of Student Conduct formerly hosted “Capstone Creed Week,” a dedicated, week-long programming event to inform students of the Creed’s elements and importance.
5. The Capstone Creed has not been reevaluated in its entirety since its inception and creation by The University of Alabama’s Student Leadership Council in 2000.
6. Forums with student and faculty leaders from a variety of University organizations and departments showed high interest in emphasizing the current Capstone Creed’s meaning through programming and information on its history.
7. The Office of Student Life, the Office of Student Conduct, and the Student Government Association have been working to develop a plan of action to educate the campus population on the importance of the Capstone Creed.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. ***Therefore, be it resolved***, The University of Alabama Student Government Association will hold “Capstone Creek Week” March 9-13, 2020 in conjunction with the Office of Student Life and the Office of Student Conduct.

2. ***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Paula Perry, Associate Director of Student Conduct; Stephanie Shamblin, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Savannah Bullard, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Act A-05-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Authors: Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Ellen Walton

Sponsors: Speaker Kathryn Hayes, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Daniel Perkins, Senator Jamison Hanley, Senator Samuel Rickert, Senator Joel Rittenburg, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Jillian Fields, Senator William Stiers, Senator Brittany McMillian

Endorsements: Harrison Adams, SGA President; Dr. Katheen Cramer, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Paula Perry, Associate Director of Student Conduct; Jason Rothfarb, Vice President for Student Affairs; Allison Bailey, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Demarcus Joiner, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Brooks Payne, Vice President for External Affairs; Will Bradley, Deputy Communications Director; Joshua Britt, Director of Programming and Advancement; Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**AN ACT TO ADD CAPSTONE CREED WEEK TO THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AND
ADVANCEMENT**

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

Section 1. Findings:

1. The Capstone Creed states the values and foundations of an ideal member of The University of Alabama community.
2. The Creed is the pledge made at convocation by each incoming freshman student.

3. The Student Government Association has been working on initiatives to emphasize the values of the Capstone Creed.
4. Upon passage of A-#-20, The University of Alabama Student Government Association will hold “Capstone Creek Week” March 9-13, 2020 in conjunction with the Office of Student Life and the Office of Student Conduct.
5. The Office of Student Life and the Office of Student Conduct require the help of the Student Government Association to aid in the planning of “Capstone Creed Week” in the future.
6. The Student Government Association’s mission statement affirms that it is the organization’s responsibility is “to serve the common interests of students” and to “guarantee a student voice in University decisions.”
7. The Director of Programming and Advancement currently serves as the executive branch’s lead organizer of programming and initiatives that address campus-wide issues, such as “It’s On Us Week” and “End The Stigma.”

Section 2. Legislation:

1. ***Therefore, be it resolved***, that upon the passage of A-#-20 and the establishment of “Capstone Creed Week,” responsibility for this initiative will be assigned to the SGA Director of Programming and Advancement.
2. ***Be it further resolved***, that these additional responsibilities will be enacted during the 2020-2021 Student Government Administration.
3. ***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Paula Perry, Associate Director of Student Conduct; Stephanie Shamblin, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Savannah Bullard, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Act A-06-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Authored by: President Harrison Adams and Vice President for External Affairs Brooks Payne

Sponsored by: Senator Jill Fields, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Daniel Perkins, Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Sam Rickert, Senator Jamison Hanley, Senator Eli Loncar, Senator Matteo Taraborrelli, Senator Allison Koszyk, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Ellie Schulman

Endorsed by: Executive Vice President Clay Martinson, AVP for City Affairs Zac Pate, AVP for Community and University Affairs Kate Bumgarner, Vice President for Academic Affairs Allison Bailey, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Rothfarb, Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN SGA-SPONSORED
TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCILOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Whereas: The University of Alabama falls under Tuscaloosa City Council District Four and is currently represented by City Councilor Lee Busby; and,

Whereas: The Student Government Association has long searched for ways to further its partnership with the City of Tuscaloosa and its leaders; and,

Whereas: Councilor Busby has sought to create an annually occurring committee of student leaders from the Student Government Association to advise him on a number of University- and city-related matters such as lighting, transportation, and safety; and,

Therefore be it resolved that the 2019-2020 SGA Senate will allow for the creation of an SGA-sponsored Tuscaloosa City Councilor Advisory Committee; and,

Be it further resolved this committee of 10 students will commence at the start of the 2020-2021 SGA administration; and,

Be it further resolved that starting with the 2020-2021 SGA administration, the President and Vice President for External Affairs will have seats on the committee; and,

Be it further resolved that the remaining seats on the committee will be assigned through an application process administered through the External Affairs cabinet with one nomination coming from the City Councilman with the approval of the Senate; and,

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Dr. Tim Hebson, Associate Vice President of Student Life; Stephanie Shamblin, Student Government Association Advisor; the Crimson White Media Group.



Resolution R-07-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Authored by: Vice President for External Affairs Brooks Payne & Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Demarcus Joiner

Sponsored by: Speaker of the Senate Kathryn Hayes, Senator Eli Loncar, Senator Matteo Taraborelli, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Sam Rickert; Senator Olivia Davis, Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Ellie Schulman

Endorsed by: President Harrison Adams, Vice President for Academic Affairs Allison Bailey, Director of Environmental Affairs Katie Arrington, Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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

Whereas: The University of Alabama encouraged its student body to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a “day on, not a day off;” and,

Whereas: The University’s Center for Service and Leadership created a day of community service programming and projects; and,

Whereas: University of Alabama students participated in these service projects on Monday, January 20 at locations around the City of Tuscaloosa; and,

Whereas: Dr. G. Christine Taylor and the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion coordinated the month-long program, The Fierce Urgency of Now; and,

Therefore be it resolved that the 2019-2020 SGA Senate recognizes the Center for Service and Leadership participating students from The University of Alabama, and the City of Tuscaloosa for their participation in the 2020 MLK Unity Day.

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; Walt Maddox, Mayor of Tuscaloosa; Courtney Chapman Thomas, director of the Center for Service and Leadership; Dr. G. Christine Taylor, University of Alabama Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Dr. Tim Hebson, Associate Vice President of Student Life; the Crimson White Media Group.



Resolution R-08-20
The University of Alabama
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Authored by: Vice President for Academic Affairs Allison Bailey

Sponsored by: Speaker of the Senate Kathryn Hayes, Senator Ellen Walton, Senator Sam Rickert, Senator Anna Beth Payne, Senator Daniel Perkins, Senator Lindsey Stephenson, Senator Cade Boseck, Senator Joel Rittenberg, Senator Will Stiers, Senator Erin Jolley, Senator Jaminson Hanley, Senator Brittany McMillian, Senator Allison Koszyk, Senator Olivia Davis

Endorsed by: President Harrison Adams, Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE EXTENSION OF VIABLE
CREDIT HOURS UNDER TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING**

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

Whereas: The University of Alabama is a premiere public institution; and,

Whereas: Other public institutions in the southeastern United States such as Auburn

University, Louisiana State University, the University of Georgia, Mississippi State University,

and the University of Tennessee allow students to take unlimited credit hours under the financial

coverage of tuition and any subsequent scholarship given by the university; and,

Whereas: The University of Alabama prohibits a vast majority of students from taking more

than 16 credit hours per semester without an additional charge of \$440 or \$1,330 per hour to the resident and non-resident students respectively; and,

Whereas: Only students under a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship or National Merit Scholarship are permitted to take up to 18 credit hours per semester with no additional charge to the student; and

Whereas: Both in-state and out-of-state students have expressed their frustration regarding the added expense and inequality that lies therein; now,

Whereas: The Academic Affairs Cabinet of the Student Government Association is working with the OIRA to receive answers to the following questions in order to best assess the needs of students:

Whereas: These questions include: How many students take over 16 credit hours, how many students taking over 16 hours are on financial aid, and how many are on a full tuition scholarship?

Therefore, now it be resolved, that the 2019-2020 SGA Senate encourages the University of Alabama Board of Trustees to consider the addition of a minimum of two credit hours to the number of those permitted to be taken without additional charge to students who do not have a full-tuition; scholarship, thus bringing the total number of permissible credit hours covered by tuition and other subsequent scholarships to a minimum of 18 hours per semester.

Be it further resolved, copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; the Crimson White Media Group.



ACT A-07-20
The University of Alabama
25th Senate 2019-2020

Authored by: VP of Academic Affairs Allison Bailey and Senator Jill Fields

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Endorsed by: SGA President Harrison Adams, Executive Vice President Clay Martinson, VP of Student Affairs Jason Rothfarb, VP of Finance Hunter Scott, VP of External Affairs Brooks Payne, VP of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph Ballard

**AN ACT RECOMMENDING THE REDUCTION OF GRADUATION FEES
FOR
STUDENTS ENROLLED WITH FINANCIAL AID**

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

Whereas: The University of Alabama strives to be an institution where academic excellence is encouraged and achieved, no matter a student's financial situation; and,

Whereas: The University currently charges a \$51 fee for students upon registering for graduation; and,

Whereas: The University Registrar office will not allow students to register for Spring semester classes unless this fee is paid upon applying for graduation.

Therefore be it resolved, that the 2019-2020 SGA Academic Affairs Cabinet will continue efforts and increased communication with the financial branch of Faculty Senate and Ken Foshee, UA registrar, in order to develop a system that will provide opportunity for decrease the graduation fees for students on financial aid.

Be it further resolved, that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, SGA President; Hunter Scott, Vice President of Financial Affairs; Jason Rothfarb, Vice President of Student Affairs; the Crimson White Media Group



Act A-08-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

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Endorsements: SGA Webmaster Emily Davignon, VP for Financial Affairs Hunter Scott, VP of External Affairs Brooks Payne

**AN ACT TO CREATE A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CALENDAR
ON THE SGA WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, many students use the Student Government Association website as a location for more information about resources that will benefit their college career; and,

WHEREAS, students commonly seek scholarship funding to assist in paying for their college education; and,

WHEREAS, there is currently no comprehensive calendar of deadlines and due dates for The University of Alabama's various available scholarship funds; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA motto is "Students Serving Students"; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is designed to represent the student body through focusing on specific initiatives that benefit students; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Student Government Association have heard of a desire and need for such a scholarship calendar; and,

WHEREAS, as representatives of the student body it is our mission to hear these concerns to better the everyday academic and financial opportunities for every student.

Therefore, now it be resolved *that*, the Director of Scholarship Opportunities under the Academic Affairs Cabinet and the SGA Webmaster work together to make sure that students are aware of these opportunities as they present themselves.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Savannah Bullard, Editor-In-Chief of *The Crimson White*; Harrison Adams, President of Student Government Association; Dr. Kevin Whitacker, Academic Affairs Provost; DJ Jackson, Office of Admission Scholarship; Kenneth Foshee, University Registrar, Luoheng Han, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs.



Act A-09-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Authored by: Vice President for External Affairs Brooks Payne and Senator Gage Pillsbury

Sponsored by: Senator Olivia Davis

Endorsed by: Lieutenant Colonel Antwan Brown, Army ROTC

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUALLY RESERVED BLOCKED SEATING LOCATION FOR THE ROTC AND VETERANS

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

Whereas: The UA ROTC program contains roughly 300 cadets with many being Freshmen with upper bowl tickets; and,

Whereas: The ROTC program are among some of the most academically proficient and campus involved programs at the University of Alabama; and,

Whereas: all groups on campus reserve the right to a section of block seating; and,

Therefore be it resolved that the Student Government Association provide 3 front rows of reserved block seating in Bryant Denny Stadium to both honor and recognize the military presence at our school; and,

Be it further resolved that this section be accessible to disabled vets, active duty, Uniformed Service Members, National Guardsmen, and Reservists in the U.S. Armed forces; and,

Be it further resolved that this will come to affect during the 2020 Fall season block seating selection process; and,

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Harrison Adams, 2019-2020 SGA President; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Dr. Tim Hebson, Associate Vice President of Student Life; LTC Antwan Brown; CPT Claudia Monk; The Office of Veterans Services; Stephanie Shamblin, Student Government Association Advisor; the Crimson White Media Group.



Amendment C-03-20
The University of Alabama
24th Senate 2019-2020

Authors: President Harrison Adams

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Endorsements: Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Demarcus Joiner; Chief Implementation Officer Andrew Conquest; Chief Legislative Officer Price Dukes

**AN AMENDMENT TO CREATE A COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY,
EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The Senate is currently required to maintain six permanent committees.
- B. Four of the six committees correspond to the Vice President positions for External Affairs, Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, and Academic Affairs.
- C. The Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is the only standing position on the executive council that does not have a corresponding committee in the Senate.

Section 2: Amendment to the Constitution: **changes in red**

ARTICLE III - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 7: Powers and Duties of the Senate. The Senate shall:

A. Develop and pass legislation on behalf of students of The University of Alabama.

B. Approve the funding recommendations for student activities and programs as proposed by the Financial Affairs Committee within the executive branch of the SGA. The Financial Affairs Committee shall be composed as outlined in Article IV, Section 9, subsection D(2)b of this Constitution.

C. Pass an SGA budget for the fiscal year by no later than September 30th in order for the SGA to be financed.

D. Confirm or reject Executive Council appointments, including Executive Cabinet officials and Executive Council officers appointed to fill vacancies.

E. Select officers of the Senate, set the day and time for meetings of the Senate, and establish and enforce an attendance policy for members of the Senate.

F. Be responsible for approving the allocation of its members among the colleges and schools of The University of Alabama in accordance with this Constitution not later than 45 days prior to the annual SGA elections.

G. Establish a pay scale.

H. Establish legislative committees as needed. The Senate shall maintain the following permanent committees: Committee on Academic Affairs, Committee on External Affairs, Committee on Finance, Committee on Student Affairs, **Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**; Committee on Rule; and Committee on Ethics.

1. Senators elected by special election shall sit on the committee of the Senator they are replacing.

2. Committee chairs will be selected by a vote within committee.

I. Hold special sessions of the Senate. The Senate shall hold special sessions when deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the Senate or when deemed necessary by the SGA President.

J. Participate in the impeachment and removal process as described in Article IX, Section 2, subsection D.

K. Allocate additional money to meet the needs of individual students and student organizations.