

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Faculty advising of student governance**

Whereas, the Constitutional Convention, the Student Elections Board, and the Student Life Committee have developed or reviewed a proposal for a constitution so that a representative student government association can be reestablished at the University of Alabama, and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate supports the concept of a representative student government if it is structured to assure responsible representation of the student body, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the faculty to participate in the preparation of students for successful pursuit of their professional interests, including participation in extracurricular activities, and each branch of the student government could benefit from the advice and counsel available from faculty advisors, and

Whereas, responsible political activity includes the development of and participation in organized political action groups, and

Whereas, although the faculty supports and encourages the involvement of students in the various decision making processes which determine the nature and quality of the educational process, some of these processes address sensitive and confidential issues, and

Whereas, the timing and manner of student involvement should be determined by the academic unit responsible for the implementation of decisions made in the respective processes,

Be it resolved that the expression of the right to participation in the student bill of rights would be more accurate if it did not include the word "all" and read:

d. The right to receive prior notification, to provide input, and to be informed of University decisions, including those involving academics, affecting students.

Be it resolved that faculty advisors be appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs for each branch of the student government, and

Be it further resolved that any group of students which chooses to promote any candidate, proposal or issue to be submitted to the student body for approval through the electoral process should formally organize, register with the Office of Student Life, and have a faculty or staff advisor, and

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate supports the changes in the constitution recommended by the Student Life committee.

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