

Tax Reform Resolution

Whereas the citizens of Alabama continuously identify funding of public education as the highest priority of the state, and,

Whereas, education funding at all levels is facing a crisis that demands immediate attention, and,

Whereas, every study and survey clearly show Alabama has the capacity to fund public education, and,

Whereas, higher education in Alabama is especially underfunded, resulting in a continuing loss of quality faculty to other states, and unacceptable degradation of teaching facilities, equipment and library collections, and,

Whereas, this underfunding of education has a direct negative impact on economic development in Alabama and the prosperity of Alabama citizens, and,

Whereas, the citizens of Alabama expect and deserve an adequately funded education system;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama expresses its strong support and advocacy of Alabama tax reform designed to produce a fair, productive and accountable tax structure that will provide equitable and adequate funding for all of Alabama public education.

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama requests the Governor and the Alabama Legislature develop and adopt specific legislation that will provide adequate funding for all of Alabama public education in a time frame that will preclude Alabama public education being permanently damaged by the looming fiscal crisis.

And, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor, members of the Legislature, and other interested parties as appropriate.

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The University of Alabama

Faculty Senate