Resolution Supporting The Regulation Of Hours That Alcohol Can Be Sold On Premises In The Local Community

Whereas alcohol abuse among college-age students is a nationwide problem being addressed by universities throughout the United States, and

Whereas The University of Alabama through its Division of Student Affairs is committed to alcohol awareness programs, alcohol management programs, and the Healthy Campus 2010 initiative in order to address this problem, and

Whereas the faculty at The University of Alabama desire to enhance and sustain a safe and healthy living environment for students and local citizens, and

Whereas the faculty would like to reduce the party image of the University that has affected the recruitment of some students and that detracts from the academic accomplishments and reputation of the University, and

Whereas, except for the prohibition on the sale of alcohol on Sunday, the hours in which alcohol can be sold on premises in the local community are not regulated and are the most liberal of all of the communities in which Southeastern Athletic Conference (SEC) universities are located, and

Whereas such liberal hours increase the consumption of alcohol by students, enhance drinking-related accidents and health problems, and detract from the preeminence of the academic mission of the University,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate at The University of Alabama supports and applauds University President Barry Mason's and University Vice President Sybil Todd's endorsement of city ordinances for Tuscaloosa and Northport that will structure the hours for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages so that they begin no earlier than 6:30 a.m. and end no later than 12:00 midnight Monday through Thursday and so that they begin no earlier than 6:30 a.m. and end no later than 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Adopted by Faculty Senate

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