

University of Alabama Faculty Senate
Community and Legislative Affairs Committee
2022-2023 Report

This report describes the activities of the Community and Legislative Affairs Committee for Academic Year 2022-2023. This report updates activities completed since the last report submitted in May 2022.

Our five goals for Academic Year 2022-2023 were set in August 2022. The goals were:

1. Continue collaboration with the Office of the Vice President of Community Affairs.
2. Keep Faculty Senate apprised of legislative developments.
3. Hold Legislative reception.
4. Provide support for Brewer-Porch Children's Center.
5. Support United Way's fundraising effort.

The following goals were completed this academic year:

1. *UA Office of Community Affairs' Neighborhood Partnerships Committee.*

Another area where our committee interacts with local elected officials is the UA Office of Community Affairs' Neighborhood Partnerships Committee. Senate President Chapman Greer and Co-chairs Joy and Steven represent the Faculty Senate. The 2022-2023 meetings were held in August and February. Senate President Chapman Greer, Joy, and Steven attended the August meeting. Steven and Chapman attended the February meeting.

2. *Legislative Delegation Developments*

The committee worked with Senate leadership to arrange for UA System's Governmental Affairs team to visit Senate meetings and steering committee meetings to discuss proposed legislation.

3. *Hosted a Legislative Reception*

Our committee enjoys a strong working relationship with Charlie Taylor, Director of Governmental Affairs and Economic/Workforce Development for the University of Alabama System. Committee co-chairs, along with Senate President Greer, communicated with Mr. Taylor throughout the year. The Faculty Senate Legislative Reception was held April 10, 2023. Senator Gerald Allen and Representative Cynthia Almond attended along with Mr. Taylor.

4. *Brewer-Porch Appreciation Luncheon*

The Brewer-Porch leadership chose May 11, 2023, for the luncheon. Approximately 80 Brewer-Porch staff were in attendance. The theme was "Wild, Wild West!"

5. *Support of United Way*

Committee Co-Chair Steven Yates attended the United Way Kick-off in October 2022. We reminded Faculty Senators about the United Way campaign. UA raised \$386,464 in 2022, short of the \$400,000 goal.

Looking Ahead

The 2023-2024 Community and Legislative Affairs Committee has members. The Co-chairs will be Serena Blount and John Giggie. The preliminary goals include maintaining regular meetings with UA's Community Affairs division and continuing to stay abreast of legislative developments. We plan to continue our support of Brewer-Porch Children's Center and the SAFE Center.

Respectfully submitted,

The 2022-2023 Community and Legislative Affairs Committee

Joy Burnham and Steven Yates, Co-chairs