STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION A BILL TO BE ENTILTLED AN ACT Bill 22-02

Submitted by Senator Aliyah McCary February 3, 2022

- I. This Act shall be known and cited as The Absenteeism Revision Act
- II. The purpose of this bill is to amend Code of Laws Chapter 200 to remove unexcused absences, increase the number of absences allowed per SGA member, remove demerits, and clarify the chapter.
- III. Title III, Chapter 200 Currently reads:

200.1 Absences totaling three (3) from any SGA related meeting shall be grounds for dismissal of a member from their respective branch of SGA. These three (3) absences are inclusive of the respective branch meetings and standing committee meetings.

200.1.1 Respective branch meetings include Senate, which meets Thursdays at 3:30 PM, UPC, which meets Mondays at 3:30 PM, and Freshman Forum, which meets Wednesdays at 4:30 PM.

200.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Committee Chair to report committee members' absences from committee meetings to the SGA Secretary.

200.1.3 Unexcused absenteeism from the SGA Retreat shall be considered an absence from SGA.

200.1.4 The SGA Executive Committee has the right to use discretion in granting exception regarding absences on the basis of family emergencies, health reasons, and class.

200.1.5 The SGA Executive Committee has the right to request proper documentation from that of a trained professional in the medical field for absences related to illness.

200.1.6 Failure to show up for an SGA or University event for which a memberhas signed up to volunteer shall count as an absence unless the member finds a replacement for his/her volunteer slot.

Now to read:

200.1 Absences totaling four (4) per semester from any SGA related meeting shall be grounds for dismissal of a member from their respective branch of SGA. These four (4) per semester absences are inclusive of the respective branch meetings and standing committee meetings.

200.1.1 Members shall be informed in writing by the SGA Secretary when they acquire three (3) absences.

200.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Committee Chair to report committee members' absences from committee meetings to the SGA Secretary.

200.1.3 Absenteeism from the SGA Retreat shall be considered an absence from SGA.

200.1.4 Failure to show up for an SGA or University event for which a member has signed up to volunteer shall count as an absence unless the member finds a replacement for their volunteer slot.

200.1.5 SGA members have the right to mandate that an event is required by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present.

Required is to mean that attendance is mandatory.

200.1.6 Notice of at least three (3) weeks shall be given to SGA members about the dates, times, and whereabouts of these annual events.

200.1.7 Tardiness to SGA meetings shall be grounds for dismissal from the SGA

200.1.7 SGA members have the right to mandate that an event is required by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present. Required is to mean that attendance is mandatory.

200.1.8 Excessive unexcused tardiness of SGA meetings shall be ground for dismissal from the SGA member's respective branch. Three (3) unexcused tardies shall equal one (1) absence. Tardy shall be defined as entering the chamber after the last name is called during the Roll Call portion of the agenda.

200.1.9 Two (2) demerits shall equalone (1) absence.

200.1.10 Demerits shall be given out at the discretion of the President or Vice President of the respected member's branch for any behavior, which is in contradiction with the Constitution or Code of Laws and/or deemed inappropriate or unbecoming of SGA member.

200.1.11 A member shall be informed within one (1) week of the demerit being issued.

200.2 Unexcused absenteeism by the executive committee shall be grounds for dismissal.

200.2.1 Unexcused absences by the executive committee totaling four (4) per semester, from any SGA related meeting including Executive meetings shall result in dismissal from office.

200.2.2 On an officer's fourth unexcused absence from any SGA related meeting, that officer will be dismissed from all SGA duties and his/her position will be deemed open.

200.2.3 The Executive Committee has the right to grant excused absences to the President by a majority vote from which the President must abstain.

200.2.4 A dismissed Executive Officer may appeal their removal to the Senate, by the next SGA meeting, which may reinstate them by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

200.4 SGA members are required to wear appropriate attire that shall be deemed and regulated by the Vice President of the branch.

200.5 SGA members are required to attend the annual event of Higher Education Day.

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200.6 Failure to attend or participate in these annual events will result in an absence.

200.7 Notice of at least three (3) weeks shall be given to SGA members about the dates times and whereabouts of these annual events.

IV. This bill will become law upon the ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the University of North Alabama Student Government Association Senate, and its subsequent approval by the Student Government Association President and Vice-President.

Proposed by

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