

# UNA SGA

## 2021-2022 REPORT

STRIVING TO BE PROACTIVE AND TRANSPARENT



Revised as of March 1, 2022



# GOALS

At the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester, the University of North Alabama Student Government Association (UNA SGA) identified goals for the year. The UNA SGA identified the following desired outcomes:

- To foster a more inclusive environment in SGA and in the UNA community.
- To increase trust in SGA and the administration from the student population.
- To be more established and acknowledged.
- To have an improved representation of different academic departments.
- To have an increased awareness of SGA's function, effect, and responsibility.
- To see an increase in state funding from the Education Trust Fund.
- To engage in real, existing issues in the UNA community.

To accomplish these ambitions, SGA has identified two key ideas, to be proactive and transparent. SGA has compiled several action items for each idea.

## PROACTIVE

- Emphasis and focus on recruitment.
- Actively be available and willing to volunteer and help with any needs.
- Be present at events, on campus, and in the community.
- Communicate with state legislators about the critical underfunding of the institution.

## TRANSPARENT

- Publish SGA members' contact information online.
- Publicize agendas, minutes, bills, resolutions, and other legislation online.
- Promote public attendance and awareness of SGA meetings.
- Broadcast SGA meetings on social media outlets.

# THE FIGURES

The UNA SGA achieved many of its goals and flourished alongside the university at large.

18

PIECES OF LEGISLATION PASSED

20

OUTREACH INITIATIVES

OVER  
67  
THOUSAND DOLLARS

ALLOCATED TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
From May 2021 to present



# ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

## CAMPUS TRADITION & PRIDE

- First Lucky Dip with the new Harrison Fountain
- First Inter-President Council meeting since its reestablishment
- Paint the Paws event
- Pep bus to UNA VS Mississippi State basketball game
- Homecoming door decorating contest
- SGA Past Officers Breakfast
- University Awards Gala



# ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

## CAMPUS OUTREACH

- Volunteered for Unpack the Pride
- SGA Pull Up a Chair Podcast debut
- Homecoming election promotion table
- Paws and Say Hey event
- GUC Atrium office hours
- Finals "Treat Yourself" table
- Election information table
- Distribution of COVID-19 test kits  
collaboration with Health Services
- SGA Interest Meeting
- Candidate Meet & Greet

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Higher Education Partnership STARS Conference
- College Colors Day
- Legislators' Dinner in Montgomery
- UNA City Council Liaison Initiative
- UNA Night at First Friday
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Town and Gown student representation





# ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

## HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

On February 24, 2020 the SGA traveled to Montgomery, Alabama to advocate to state legislators for more state funding from the Education Trust Fund. UNA is critically underfunded and the SGA has worked alongside the university in securing more funding from the state. SGA marched in a parade and then had lunch with legislators.



UNA, UAB, and USA SGA  
Presidents



UNA SGA Vice President, Kayla  
Walton and President, Jake Statom



Representative Andrew Sorrell and SGA Members



# ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

## SPONSORING SCHOLARSHIP

The Student Government Association Endowed Scholarship

# \$74,025.27

Market Value

**\$10,978**

Awarded since the scholarship's creation

**\$2,850**

To award for the 2022–2023 Academic Year\*

**23**

Students benefited since the scholarship's creation

SGA began raising money for the SGA Endowed Scholarship over 10 years ago. After years of hard work, SGA has been able to issue many scholarship awards to deserving students. Below are the scholarships we have awarded since 2016.

2021-2022 | 3 students received scholarships; \$2717 awarded total

2020-2021 | 2 students received scholarships; \$2641 awarded total

2019-2020 | 2 students received scholarships; \$2432 awarded total

2017-2018 | 3 students received scholarships; \$1238 awarded total

2016-2017 | 13 students received scholarships; \$1950 awarded total

\*Available to award based on the endowment's three-year weighted average market value, this amount is the portion of each endowment's total earnings allocated to award based on spending policies.

# ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

## FUNDING INVOLVEMENT

The Student Activity Fund

# \$147,000.00

Starting Availability for FY 2022

10

Diversity, Equity, &  
Inclusion Programs

16

Social Programs

8

Academic-related  
Programs

4

Travel-related  
Programs

Since the beginning of the new fiscal year (October 1, 2021) student organizations have received funding. Of the events funded, 10 were diversity programs, 16 were social events, 8 were related to academic majors/departments, and 4 were travel. Approximately \$147,000 was available to allocate. \$46,898.41 has been spent and \$100,625.59 is still available to allocate between now and September 30, 2022.



# ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

## MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

- Student Forum - designated time at every Senate Meeting to encourage students to speak and provide feedback to SGA.
- Advocacy Workshop - meet with Higher Education Partnership leaders to learn best practices, craft unique talking points, and then practice sharing these messages to advocate for more funding
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - hosted Dr. Rachel Winston to talk about what students want to see on campus as it pertains to DEI; hosted Dr. Suzette Walden Cole from Social Responsibility Speaks to conduct a full day workshop.
- Student Counseling Services - hosted Ms. Carmen Richter to discuss ongoing mental health issues on campus and how SGA can assist.
- UNA Reserve Officers' Training Corps - hosted Major Rashaun Warren to discuss leadership and teamwork.

## ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

- Officer elections - President and Vice President will now run on a joint ticket.
- Senate elections - Senate candidates now run for seats that are apportioned based on each degree granting college.
- President's cabinet - revamped Communications Director, added Diversity and Inclusion Advocate and Historian.
- Freshman Forum - committees elected chairs, clarified committee roles, and changed Freshman Forum Vice President title to Executive Chair.
- Formed Governing Documents Ad Hoc Committee.

## SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Scholastic Standards Revisions to Academic Warning & Academic Probation - approved.
- Admission Revision Proposal - approved.
- Tobacco-free Policy Proposal - rejected.

# PASSED RESOLUTIONS

**R21-03 TO THANK THE 2020-2021 SGA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**  
Submitted by Senator Rachel Ford

**R21-04 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR MR. FRED GRAY'S NOMINATION FOR A PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM**  
Submitted by Legislative Affairs Chairman John Shinholster

**R21-06 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE COVID-19 RECOVERY TASK FORCE**  
Submitted by Academic Affairs Chairwoman Makenzie Bullard

**R21-07 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**  
Submitted by Senator Amber Sandvig

**R21-09 TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH 2021**  
Submitted by Student Welfare Chairman Carson Brite

**R21-10 TO RECOGNIZE UNA EMPLOYEE, MS. MYRA STANSELL**  
Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer

**R21-11 TO EXPRESS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 2021-2022 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA'S HOMECOMING COURT, AS WELL AS THE ELECTED HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING**  
Submitted by Senator Savana Robertson &  
Co-sponsored by Senator Garret Statom

**R21-12 TO OFFER CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF SERGEANT NICK RISNER, FORMER POLICE K-9 SERGEANT FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND RECOGNIZE THE UNA POLICE FORCE**  
Submitted by Freshman Forum Advisor MacKenna Gosart &  
Co-sponsored by Senator Garret Statom & Senator Rachel Ford

**R22-01 TO RECOGNIZE THE UNA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM VICTORY OVER EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**  
Submitted by Senator Mackenzie Martin

**R22-02 TO RECOGNIZE MR. KENNY DAVIES AND MS. ABBIE WARREN**  
Submitted by Freshman Forum Advisor MacKenna Gosart

# PASSED BILLS

**B21-11 TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS TO EXPOUND ON FRESHMAN FORUM PROGRAM**

Submitted by Freshman Forum Advisor MacKenna Gosart

**B21-12 TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS TO REQUIRE SGA PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO  
RUN ON A JOINT TICKET**

Submitted by Elections & Recruitment Chairwoman Audrey Johnson

**B21-13 TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS TO EXPOUND ON PRO-TEMPORE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer

**B21-14 FALL 2021 INTER-PRESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING ALLOCATION ACT TO ALLOCATE \$230  
FOR INTER-PRESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer

**B21-15 PEP BUS BILL TO ALLOCATE \$1400 FOR THE UNA VS MISSISSIPPI STATE  
MEN'S BASKETBALL PEP BUS**

Submitted by Senator Grace Hafner &  
Co-sponsored by Senator Mackenzie Martin

**B21-16 COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT REVISION TO ALLOW COMMUNICATIONS  
ASSISTANTS TO BE SELECTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AND APPROVED BY THE SGA  
PRESIDENT**

Submitted by Senator Hannah Benson

**B22-01 TO REQUIRE VICE PRESIDENT APPLICANTS TO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST  
2 SEMESTERS IN ANY BRANCH OF SGA**

Submitted by Senator Anna Wamble

**B22-03 TO REVISE SGA DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

Submitted by Elections & Recruitment Chairwoman Aliyah McCary

**B22-05 TO REMOVE PETITION OF CANDIDACY STUDENT SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR SGA  
OFFICER CANDIDATES**

Submitted by Elections & Recruitment Chairwoman Aliyah McCary

**B22-06 REMOVE CHAIRPERSONS MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR PRO-TEMPORE**

Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer



*We, the students of the University of North Alabama, in order to take a responsible part in the decision making processes of the University at large; to protect and defend the rights and responsibilities of the University to the students and of the students of the University; to provide for cultural, social, physical, and educational welfare; to foster a spirit of unity among students; to strive toward a better understanding between administration, faculty, and students; and to encourage individual responsibility, by the authority granted to us by the Board of Trustees and University President, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the students of the University of North Alabama.*

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