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An Amendment to be Entitled Allowing Bills, Resolutions, and Amendments to be passed during Special Sessions

1 WHEREAS the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student
2 Government Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire
3 undergraduate student voice; and
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5 WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards
6 positive and relevant changes; and
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8 WHEREAS the UAB USGA Senate would be able to lead the undergraduate student
9 body in a more efficient manner towards positive and relevant changes;
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11 WHEREAS currently Senators may only pass and discuss bills, resolutions, and
12 amendments during formal meetings; and
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14 WHEREAS having the capability to pass Bills, Resolutions, and/or Amendments during
15 informal meetings will allow the UAB USGA Senate to effectively implement positive
16 changes in a timely manner; and
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18 WHEREAS a “Special Session” shall be held only if the introduction of a Bill,
19 Amendment, and/or Resolution on the Floor of the Senate is Time Sensitive; and
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21 WHEREAS “Time Sensitive” shall be defined as a Bill, Amendment, and/or Resolution
22 that must be delivered to the Floor of the Senate by a particular time due to the contents
23 of the legislation; and
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25 WHEREAS the Vice Chairperson of the Senate shall be required to take meeting
26 minutes for the duration of the special session; and
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28 WHEREAS the Executive Vice President, Authors of the legislation, and Sponsors of
29 the legislation must unanimously agree that the legislation is Time Sensitive for a
30 special session to be called; and
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32 WHEREAS Section 301.3.7 states, “In accordance with § 301.5.7, all other bills and
33 resolutions shall require a majority vote of the Senate,” and shall be amended with an
34 addition to state, “In accordance with § 301.5.7, all other bills and resolutions shall
35 require a majority vote of the Senate in special sessions or formal meetings;” and
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37 WHEREAS Sections 301.4.5 and 301.4.6 that pertain to amendments shall also include
38 the addition after the word “Senate” to be, “... in either special sessions or formal
39 meetings;” and
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41 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate
42 student population, will allow bills, resolutions, and amendments to be introduced to the

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43 Floor, debate regarding legislative pieces, and voting upon legislative pieces to take
44 place during special sessions and formal meetings.

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