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

WHEREAS the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student Government Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire undergraduate student voice; and

WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards positive and relevant changes; and

WHEREAS the UAB USGA Senate would be able to lead the undergraduate student body in a more efficient manner towards positive and relevant changes;

WHEREAS currently Senators may only pass and discuss bills, resolutions, and amendments during formal meetings; and

WHEREAS having the capability to pass Bills, Resolutions, and/or Amendments during informal meetings will allow the UAB USGA Senate to effectively implement positive changes in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS a “Special Session” shall be held only if the introduction of a Bill, Amendment, and/or Resolution on the Floor of the Senate is Time Sensitive; and

WHEREAS “Time Sensitive” shall be defined as a Bill, Amendment, and/or Resolution that must be delivered to the Floor of the Senate by a particular time due to the contents of the legislation; and

WHEREAS the Vice Chairperson of the Senate shall be required to take meeting minutes for the duration of the special session; and

WHEREAS the Executive Vice President, Authors of the legislation, and Sponsors of the legislation must unanimously agree that the legislation is Time Sensitive for a special session to be called; and

WHEREAS Section 301.3.7 states, “In accordance with § 301.5.7, all other bills and resolutions shall require a majority vote of the Senate,” and shall be amended with an addition to state, “In accordance with § 301.5.7, all other bills and resolutions shall require a majority vote of the Senate in special sessions or formal meetings;” and

WHEREAS Sections 301.4.5 and 301.4.6 that pertain to amendments shall also include the addition after the word “Senate” to be, “… in either special sessions or formal meetings;” and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate student population, will allow bills, resolutions, and amendments to be introduced to the
Floor, debate regarding legislative pieces, and voting upon legislative pieces to take place during special sessions and formal meetings.

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