An Amendment to be Entitled
Establishing a Demerit Plea System in USGA

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 does not have a proper system in which members of the
Association can appeal demerits; and

WHEREAS the student has the right to appeal any demerit issued to them through
Student Court; and

WHEREAS establishing a system in which the appealing member will have the option to
be represented by the Student Advocate, and the USGA will be represented by the
Attorney General; and

WHEREAS the appealing member, the Student Advocate, and the Attorney General,
shall stand before the Justices of the Judicial Branch to appeal the issuance of a
demerit; and

WHEREAS the appealing member will need a majority vote from the Justices of the
Judicial Branch; and

WHEREAS the demerit policy made by any USGA entity should be approved by the
USGA Advisors; and

WHEREAS any contradictory language to the procedures in this Amendment in the
Code of Laws will be trumped by the passage of this Amendment; and

WHEREAS the passage of this amendment will remove Section 301.5.8.3 in the Code
of Laws which states “to remove a Senator from office a written excuse is not accepted”; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate
student population, will establish this system in the UAB USGA Code of Laws and follow
through with these procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these changes will be implemented into the Code of
Laws through the Judicial Branch within two (2) weeks of the passing of this bill.

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