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

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 does not have a proper system in which members of the
9 Association can appeal demerits; and
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11 WHEREAS the student has the right to appeal any demerit issued to them through
12 Student Court; and
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14 WHEREAS establishing a system in which the appealing member will have the option to
15 be represented by the Student Advocate, and the USGA will be represented by the
16 Attorney General; and
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18 WHEREAS the appealing member, the Student Advocate, and the Attorney General,
19 shall stand before the Justices of the Judicial Branch to appeal the issuance of a
20 demerit; and
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22 WHEREAS the appealing member will need a majority vote from the Justices of the
23 Judicial Branch; and
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25 WHEREAS the demerit policy made by any USGA entity should be approved by the
26 USGA Advisors; and
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28 WHEREAS any contradictory language to the procedures in this Amendment in the
29 Code of Laws will be trumped by the passage of this Amendment; and
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31 WHEREAS the passage of this amendment will remove Section 301.5.8.3 in the Code
32 of Laws which states “to remove a Senator from office a written excuse is not accepted”;
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35 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate
36 student population, will establish this system in the UAB USGA Code of Laws and follow
37 through with these procedures.
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these changes will be implemented into the Code of
40 Laws through the Judicial Branch within two (2) weeks of the passing of this bill.
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