

BILL TO: Student Senate

BILL FROM: Kyla Mathner, College of Education

RE: Removal of Student's Responsibility to Request Removal of Academic Dishonesty Sanction

DATE:

PSSB: 21-0614-01

I ask for approval of the following:

~~1202.3 — After expiration of a sanction, it shall be the responsibility of the student to request removal of the sanction to the Office of the Provost.~~

BILL TO: Student Senate

BILL FROM: Kyla Mathner, College of Education

RE: Removal of 10 Working Day Minimum Between Date of Notification and Academic Dishonesty Hearing

DATE:

PSSB: 21-0614-02

I ask for approval of the following:

~~**1206.5.2** — There shall be no less than ten (10) working days between the date of notification and the date of the Hearing, unless there is mutual agreement between the student and the Committee to schedule the Hearing at an earlier date;~~

BILL TO: Student Senate
FROM: Coleman Turnipseed, At-Large
RE: Aubie Try Out Spelling Code Correction
DATE:
PSSB: 21-0614-03

601.2.3.3.2 Any student who has served as Director of Aubie at any time during the preceding years is ~~indefible~~ **ineligible** to try out for mascot;

RESOLUTION TO: Student Senate

RESOLUTION FROM: Brandan Belser, College of Liberal Arts

RE: Resolution on Auburn University Administration's Duty to Fight Racial Inequity

DATE:

PSSR: 21-0614-01

Resolution on Auburn University Administration's Duty to Fight Racial Inequity

WHEREAS, over the past two years, events across the country have shed light on the injustices and inequalities that the Black community has faced for centuries; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with national and local demonstrations in the summer of 2020, Black Auburn students have expressed individual concerns, experiences, and ongoing daily challenges that they have faced on campus; and,

WHEREAS, the percentage of Black students enrolled at Auburn University has consistently declined over the past ten years and Auburn University falls far behind with the percentage of Black students at our peer and aspirant institutions with the most recent and available statistics being the following:

Troy University = 29%

University of Alabama at Birmingham = 21%

Mississippi State University = 17%

University of Alabama = 13%

Vanderbilt University = 11%

University of Alabama at Huntsville = 9%

University of Georgia = 8%

Auburn University = 6%; and,

WHEREAS, student feedback from Auburn University Administration's various 2020 Listening Sessions has shown that Black students are unsatisfied with Auburn administrators' approach to keeping the University accountable to its history and duty to the future; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Presidential Task Force for Opportunity and Equity aimed to cultivate a more inclusive environment and increase recruitment among underrepresented groups, but few Black tenured faculty were included in the discussions and students from diverse affinity groups such as the Black Student Union and International Student Organization were not invited to join said discussions; and,

WHEREAS, the Black at Auburn Instagram page, which amassed over 6,000 followers in the summer of 2020, featured stories submitted by Black students and alumni that described

instances of racial injustice that occurred in both the classroom, with professors, and faculty members, and, outside of academics, within various clubs, organizations, and athletic teams; and,

WHEREAS, a December 2020 article from the online publication *Inside Higher Ed* highlighted the frustrations of both Black Auburn students and alumni regarding the pace at which the University has moved toward changing the campus culture and demographic makeup; and,

WHEREAS, Auburn Students & Community for Change have created and published demands for Racial Equity at Auburn University addressed to President Gogue, Provost Hardgrave, and Lt. Gen. Burgess in efforts to share the thoughts of many diverse Auburn students; and,

WHEREAS, students awarded the Ever To Conquer Scholarship, a need-based scholarship with priority given to students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant, increased by 288% for the 2021-2022 academic year; and,

WHEREAS, the Together We Will Scholarship and the Dr. Josetta Brittain Matthews Memorial Endowed Scholarship were both created to be awarded in the 2021-2022 academic year, enforcing that Auburn Athletics, administration, and alumni are invested in the actions that can be taken to better advocate for all members of the Auburn Family; and,

WHEREAS, University leadership has taken many tangible steps toward diversification of the Auburn Family as evidenced by a 37% increase in minority student applications and an 18% increase in Black student applications during the application period for the class of 2025.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, we, the Auburn University Student Senate, recognize the urgency and validity of the stances and demands put forth by the Black at Auburn Instagram page, *Inside Higher Ed* article, Auburn Students & Community for Change letter, and Auburn students and alumni; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we, the Auburn University Student Senate, ask for more open and public communication between administration and the Auburn Family regarding the on-going progress of university diversification through means such as retention efforts, diverse faculty recruitment, scholarships, and building namings.

CC: **Dr. Jay Gogue**, Auburn University President
Dr. Bill Hardgrave, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lt. Gen. Ron Burgess, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Taffye Benson Clayton, Associate Provost and Vice President of Inclusion and Diversity
Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President of Enrollment

BILL TO: Student Senate
FROM: Ryan Hall, College of Liberal Arts
RE: Reserve Fund Request for Programing
DATE:
PSSB: 21-0712-01

I ask for the approval of the following:

The amount of \$6,200 to be allocated to the University Program Council's Technical Productions Committee. **These funds will go to help this committee in purchasing a brand new film screen, making setup more simple, and enabling the University Program Council to host more influential events.**

Bill To: Student Senate
From: Reese Lisenby, At-Large
RE: Program Expansion Fund Request for Programming
Date:
PSSB: 21-0712-02

I ask for the approval of the following:

A program expansion request of \$8,000.00 to fund the line-item creation of Video Games for University Program Council. The funding will be going towards the purchase of the initial event equipment ~~needed for the events~~, the initial purchases of both video and board game event supplies, and for the purchase of food, beverage, decorations, or other supplies for the events.