

UNA SGA

2021-2022 REPORT

STRIVING TO BE PROACTIVE AND TRANSPARENT



Revised as of February 2, 2022



GOALS

At the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester, the University of North Alabama Student Government Association (UNA SGA) identified goals for the year. The UNA SGA identified the following desired outcomes:

- To foster a more inclusive environment in SGA and in the UNA community.
- To increase trust in SGA and the administration from the student population.
- To be more established and acknowledged.
- To have an improved representation of different academic departments.
- To have an increased awareness of SGA's function, effect, and responsibility.
- To see an increase in state funding from the Education Trust Fund.
- To engage in real, existing issues in the UNA community.

To accomplish these ambitions, SGA has identified two key ideas, to be proactive and transparent. SGA has compiled several action items for each idea.

PROACTIVE

- Emphasis and focus on recruitment.
- Actively be available and willing to volunteer and help with any needs.
- Be present at events, on campus, and in the community.
- Communicate with state legislators about the critical underfunding of the institution.

TRANSPARENT

- Publish SGA members' contact information online.
- Publicize agendas, minutes, bills, resolutions, and other legislation online.
- Promote public attendance and awareness of SGA meetings.
- Broadcast SGA meetings on social media outlets.

THE FIGURES

The UNA SGA achieved many of its goals and flourished alongside the university at large.

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PIECES OF
LEGISLATION
PASSED

20

OUTREACH
INITIATIVES

OVER
67
THOUSAND
DOLLARS

ALLOCATED TO
STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS

From May 2021 to present

ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

CAMPUS TRADITION & PRIDE

- First Lucky Dip with the new Harrison Fountain
- First Inter-President Council meeting since its reestablishment
- Paint the Paws event
- Pep bus to UNA VS Mississippi State basketball game
- Homecoming door decorating contest
- SGA Past Officers Breakfast



CAMPUS OUTREACH

- Volunteered for Unpack the Pride
- SGA Pull Up a Chair Podcast debut
- Homecoming election promotion table
- Paws and Say Hey event
- GUC Atrium office hours
- Finals "Treat Yourself" table
- Election information table

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Higher Education Partnership STARS Conference
- College Colors Day
- Legislators' Dinner in Montgomery
- UNA City Council Liasion Initiative
- UNA Night at First Friday
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Town and Gown student representation

ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

SPONSORING SCHOLARSHIP

The Student Government Association Endowed Scholarship

\$74,025.27

Market Value

\$10,978

Awarded since the
scholarship's creation

\$2,850

To award for the
2022–2023
Academic Year*

23

Students benefited
since the scholarship's
creation

SGA began raising money for the SGA Endowed Scholarship over 10 years ago. After years of hard work, SGA has been able to issue many scholarship awards to deserving students. Below are the scholarships we have awarded since 2016.

2021-2022 | 3 students received scholarships; \$2717 awarded total

2020-2021 | 2 students received scholarships; \$2641 awarded total

2019-2020 | 2 students received scholarships; \$2432 awarded total

2017-2018 | 3 students received scholarships; \$1238 awarded total

2016-2017 | 13 students received scholarships; \$1950 awarded total

*Available to award based on the endowment's three-year weighted average market value, this amount is the portion of each endowment's total earnings allocated to award based on spending policies.

ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

FUNDING INVOLVEMENT

The Student Activity Fund

\$147,000.00

Starting Availability for FY 2022

7

Diversity, Equity, &
Inclusion Programs

7

Social Programs

4

Academic-related
Programs

4

Travel-related
Programs

Since the beginning of the new fiscal year (October 1, 2021) student organizations have received funding. Of the events funded, 7 were diversity programs, 7 were social events, 4 were related to academic majors/departments, and 3 were travel.

Approximately \$147,000 was available to allocate. \$46,898.41 has been spent and \$100,625.59 is still available to allocate between now and September 30, 2022.

ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

- Student Forum - designated time at every Senate Meeting to encourage students to speak and provide feedback to SGA.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - hosted Dr. Rachel Winston to talk about what students want to see on campus as it pertains to DEI; hosted Dr. Suzette Walden Cole from Social Responsibility Speaks to conduct a full day workshop.
- Student Counseling Services - invited Ms. Carmen Richter to SGA to talk about the ongoing mental health issues on campus and how SGA can assist.

ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

- Officer elections - President and Vice President will now run on a joint ticket.
- Senate elections - Senate candidates now run for seats that are apportioned based on each degree granting college.
- President's cabinet - revamped Communications Director, added Diversity and Inclusion Advocate and Historian.
- Freshman Forum - committees elected chairs, clarified committee roles, and changed Freshman Forum Vice President title to Executive Chair.

To learn more about the new election system visit
<https://www.una.edu/student-government/elections.html>.

SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Scholastic Standards Revisions to Academic Warning & Academic Probation - approved.
- Admission Revision Proposal - approved.

PASSED RESOLUTIONS

R21-03 TO THANK THE 2020-2021 SGA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Submitted by Senator Rachel Ford

R21-04 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR MR. FRED GRAY'S NOMINATION FOR A PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Submitted by Legislative Affairs Chairman John Shinholster

R21-06 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE COVID-19 RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Submitted by Academic Affairs Chairwoman Makenzie Bullard

R21-07 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Senator Amber Sandvig

R21-09 TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH 2021

Submitted by Student Welfare Chairman Carson Brite

R21-10 TO RECOGNIZE UNA EMPLOYEE, MS. MYRA STANSELL

Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer

R21-11 TO EXPRESS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 2021-2022 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA'S HOMECOMING COURT, AS WELL AS THE ELECTED HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING

Submitted by Senator Savana Robertson &
Co-sponsored by Senator Garret Statom

R21-12 TO OFFER CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF SERGEANT NICK RISNER, FORMER POLICE K-9 SERGEANT FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND RECOGNIZE THE UNA POLICE FORCE

Submitted by Freshman Forum Advisor MacKenna Gosart &
Co-sponsored by Senator Garret Statom & Senator Rachel Ford

R22-01 TO RECOGNIZE THE UNA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM VICTORY OVER EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Submitted by Senator Mackenzie Martin

PASSED BILLS

B21-11 TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS TO EXPOUND ON FRESHMAN FORUM PROGRAM

Submitted by Freshman Forum Advisor MacKenna Gosart

B21-12 TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS TO REQUIRE SGA PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO RUN ON A JOINT TICKET

Submitted by Elections & Recruitment Chairwoman Audrey Johnson

B21-13 TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS TO EXPOUND ON PRO-TEMPORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer

B21-14 FALL 2021 INTER-PRESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING ALLOCATION ACT TO ALLOCATE \$230 FOR INTER-PRESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by Pro-Tempore Abigail Eggemeyer

B21-15 PEP BUS BILL TO ALLOCATE \$1400 FOR THE UNA VS MISSISSIPPI STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL PEP BUS

Submitted by Senator Grace Hafner &
Co-sponsored by Senator Mackenzie Martin

B21-16 COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT REVISION TO ALLOW COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANTS TO BE SELECTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AND APPROVED BY THE SGA PRESIDENT

Submitted by Senator Hannah Benson

B22-01 TO REQUIRE VICE PRESIDENT APPLICANTS TO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST 2 SEMESTERS IN ANY BRANCH OF SGA

Submitted by Senator Anna Wamble

B22-03 TO REVISE SGA DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Submitted by Elections & Recruitment Chairwoman Aliyah McCary

B22-05 TO REMOVE PETITION OF CANDIDACY STUDENT SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR SGA OFFICER CANDIDATES

Submitted by Elections & Recruitment Chairwoman Aliyah McCary

We, the students of the University of North Alabama, in order to take a responsible part in the decision making processes of the University at large; to protect and defend the rights and responsibilities of the University to the students and of the students of the University; to provide for cultural, social, physical, and educational welfare; to foster a spirit of unity among students; to strive toward a better understanding between administration, faculty, and students; and to encourage individual responsibility, by the authority granted to us by the Board of Trustees and University President, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the students of the University of North Alabama.

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