



Report of the University Committee on Student Affairs, Religious Life, and University Relations (SARLUR)

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The committee met on Tuesday 23 October 2001.

The committee's next meeting is Tuesday 27 November 2001.

I. Items Not Requiring Senate Action

A. SARLUR approved one new student organization: the College Green Party.

B. The committee spoke at length with Student Athletic Advisory Committee representatives, Assistant Director of Athletics Joelle Rule, and Faculty NCAA Representative Chris Metress about the challenges facing student athletes at Samford.

C. The committee also created subcommittees to review the faith and values statement (The Samford Distinctive), and evaluate the recognition of retiring faculty.

II. Items Requiring Senate Action

In response to the senate's referral, the committee moves that the senate take steps to put before the full faculty a resolution endorsing state constitutional reform. The committee approved the following language for the senate's consideration:

"Whereas the Alabama Constitution of 1901 was adopted to perpetuate white supremacy and, while the provisions so designed have been held invalid, they remain a part of our State's Fundamental Law, and

"Whereas the Alabama Constitution places excessive limits on State and Local Government, including a prohibition on public improvements, and

"Whereas the Alabama Constitution inefficiently distributes the powers of government between State and Local government, and

"Whereas these deficiencies have led to a proliferation of more than 700 amendments which make interpreting the constitution difficult, if not impossible, and will lead to a continued series of amendments as the state and its localities struggle with new challenges,

"Now, therefore,

"We the faculty of Samford University, as citizens of and educators in the state of Alabama, do recommend and endorse to our fellow citizens and our leaders the revision of the Alabama Constitution so as to give its people a constitution adequate to the exigencies of government in the 21st Century."

Respectfully submitted,

Randolph Horn

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