



The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Student Senate 2024-2025

**A Resolution to Collectively Harness And Reinstall Generative Energy  
(C.H.A.R.G.E.) at the Hill Student Center**

Date Introduced: 2-25-25

Date Voted Upon: 2-25-25

*WHEREAS* the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Undergraduate Student Government Association advocates for and responds to undergraduate students' needs; and

*WHEREAS* it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards positive and relevant changes; and

*WHEREAS* the stress of school and extracurriculars may cause students to forget to bring chargers for their devices, be it a computer, phone, or tablet, which are often necessary for their success in class; and

*WHEREAS* being successful in class leads to prosperity on a student's desired career path subsequent to graduation at the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

*WHEREAS* the dependence on technology by students has dramatically increased in recent years, especially with classwork and homework being mainly accessible through the online platform titled "*Canvas*"; and

*WHEREAS* professors allow and occasionally encourage the usage of such devices to write notes on class lectures, complete assignments, or work on group projects; and

*WHEREAS* the University of Alabama at Birmingham indirectly motivates students to maintain a heavy online presence by funding subscriptions to Microsoft 365, Adobe, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*; and

*WHEREAS* being this reliant on online devices and their services may drain batteries and hinder students from completing assignments, only compounding their stress and inability to conclude their work in a timely and efficient manner; and

*WHEREAS* to remedy this predicament, any University of Alabama at Birmingham student with a current ONE Card ought to be provided with chargers for either their computer, phone, or tablet, to check out for a maximum of 2 hours, on a first-come, first-served basis, during the operating hours of the Hill Student Center; and

WHEREAS hundreds to thousands of individuals use this location daily, often for hours at a time; and

*WHEREAS* if this initiative advances, the Undergraduate Student Government Association will purchase 20 USB-A to Lightning chargers, 20 USB-C to USB Type C chargers, and 40 charger adapters, which cover the vast majority of devices being used on campus; and

*WHEREAS* with the collective cost of these materials being approximately [\\$123](#); and

*WHEREAS* should a student require a charger for a device with a different port than those aforementioned, they may write a formal request to the Hill Student Center staff in charge of the lending system, asking for an appropriate charger to be provided if USGA funds permit it; and

*WHEREAS* only 1 charger per student can be checked out from the Game Room in the Hill Student Center and must be used within the premises of the aforementioned building; and

*WHEREAS* should a student not return their charger back to the Game Room by the 2 hour time frame, they will be fined an initial baseline amount of \$15 and \$1 for every additional full hour they fail to do so on their BlazerNet account balance; and

*WHEREAS* the Division of Student Affairs has officially confirmed their willingness to handle the financial penalizing of students and their utmost support for this initiative.

***NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED*** by the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Undergraduate Student Government Association, whose mission is to serve the interests of students and ease the hardships of college through any action within its powers, will purchase these chargers and calls upon the Hill Student Center to oversee the checking out of said chargers and the fines required to enforce the time limit so that all individuals can collectively harness and reinstall generative energy for their devices as the University of Alabama at Birmingham charges towards a brighter future.

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