**Bill 397**

**UAH Tuition Capital Campaign**

WHEREAS, financial circumstances are a primary reason for students’ inability to attend and/or ~~to~~ complete college; and

WHEREAS, the cost of higher education has shifted to students and their families due to diminishing State support of Higher Education, putting more and more financial burden on students and families, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has one of the lowest household income levels in the United State; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of the University of Alabama in Huntsville believe that a college~~-~~education can substantially improve the livelihood of individuals and families, and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama in Huntsville aspires to an undergraduate student population of 10,000 with a 5-year graduation rate of 75%,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the University of Alabama in Huntsville embark on a Capital Campaign with the goal of providing every accepted and continuing student with at least one semester of tuition within five years and up to 9 semesters of tuition within 25 years; this goal is to be achieved with minimal deviation from the current scholarship matrix and from recognizing scholarships that currently exist at UAH.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Capital Campaign funds also have the goal of providing the cost of on-campus housing to students who fall below certain income levels and follow established procedures.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the UAH Faculty Senate will change its bylaws and establish a new permanent committee ~~to~~ for Faculty-Senate-shared-governance of the Capital Campaign and the establishment of criteria for acceptance and continuing student standards, as well as income and academic criteria for housing provided to students at no-cost. The title of this committee will be the Capital Campaign and Disbursement Committee. The composition of the primary Capital Campaign and Disbursement Committee will have greater than 50% of its~~’~~ members comprised of tenured Faculty who currently serve as Faculty Senators.