A Resolution to Support the Re-Opening of Professional Photo Sessions by the Career Development Center

Whereas, The Career Development Center at The University of Arkansas has long offered services that strive to improve the professionalism and preparedness of students as they transition into the workforce or seek a graduate education; and

Whereas, Headshots are a vital component of a student’s profile, demonstrating professionalism while allowing potential employers or admission committees to familiarize themselves with the applicant; on many occasions, headshots are a required constituent in a standard application process; and

Whereas, Many undergraduate students pursuing scholarships, research experiences, internships, co-ops, among many other opportunities lack a proper photographic representation of themselves for professional use, and require a university resource such as the photo sessions normally offered by the Career Development Center; and

Whereas, Due to a surge of COVID-19 cases during the Summer and beginnings of Fall of 2020, all photo-sessions have been canceled and no appointments can be made until further notice, completely discarding a resource that is of utter importance and is necessary for several students, especially those who do not have the means to hire a personal photographer for a service of this type; and

Whereas, In recent studies by the Pat Walker Health Center, it has been indicated that there had been a significant decline of cases, causing a flattening of the campus curve beginning the week of September 21st, 2020, and continuing to decline until our current total number of average cases, 23, as
opposed to 764 average active cases during the week of August 31st; then

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the re-opening of professional photo sessions through the Career Development Center in an effort to fulfill the student need for a necessary component of a professional profile; and

Be it further resolved: In re-openings, all session proceedings must run in accordance to CDC guidelines and University guidelines, such as maintaining a minimum distance of 6 feet, wearing face coverings (except for the student when being photographed), using proper sanitization techniques, and performing sessions outdoors; and

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Assistant Vice Chancellor of Career Services Dr. Angela Williams, ASG Student Body President Julia Nall, and Director of Academics Stephanie Verdaris

Amendments: ________________________________

Vote Count: Aye ________ Nay ________ Abstentions ________

Legislation Status: Passed ______ Failed ______ Other ________

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Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Julia Nall, ASG President Date