A Resolution to Implement Gender Inclusive Housing

Whereas, there are students living on campus who are put into uncomfortable and potentially dangerous situations due to the reinforced gendered stereotypes perpetuated by a binary being housed among a gender they may not or may no longer identify with; and

Whereas, addressing physical threats to the safety of students living in housing should be a priority for the University, especially given the 2020 on campus physical assault on an LGBTQ+ student; and

Whereas, anticipating and meeting the needs of minority students shows a university to be sensitive and progressive and adds to the University’s prestige; and

Whereas, single-occupancy rooms, currently the only on-campus option for non-normatively gendered students, cost much more (approximately $500-$1,000 per semester more depending on location, according to the University of Arkansas Housing website) than others, imposing a discriminatory financial burden on these students; and

Whereas, comfortable and affordable university housing with a roommate should be an option available to all, rather than just to those who fit norms of gender or sexual orientation; then

Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government Senate, representing the students at the University of Arkansas, shows its support for the implementation of Gender Inclusive Housing Options, a form of gender-
blind/gender-neutral housing as an option for all students; and

Be it finally resolved: That upon passage of this legislation, it will be presented to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Housing, the Director for Residential Facilities, and the Director of Residence Education so that this initiative can be supported moving forward.

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