A Resolution to Encourage the Elimination of Union Technology Charges for Registered Student Organizations

Whereas, Currently, the University of Arkansas Student Union charges Registered Student Organizations, University Departments, and other members of the campus community technology fees to use equipment in meeting room reservations; and

Whereas, Charges for audio/visual equipment, including projectors, screens, and microphones, start at $20 and increase depending on room and equipment. The current price information available on the reservation website is from 6 years ago and has incorrect pricing information; and

Whereas, The Associated Student Government, alongside other RSOs and student organizations have had fees levied against them as a result of audio/visual charges, projectors, and miscellaneous technology fees; and

Whereas, The Associated Student Government Office of Financial Affairs provides funds to RSOs for educational events, but does not fund typical RSO member meetings and in-house events; and

Whereas, A large majority of RSOs on our campus do not charge admission or membership dues to their members and are therefore unable to use Union spaces for tech-enabled meetings; and

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Whereas, Both the University of Arkansas and the Associated Student Government support equity for all students and Registered Student Organizations regardless of monetary status; then

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government strongly disagrees with the charge of costs and fees attached to technology equipment that have become necessary for RSO meetings on a virtualized and tech-reliant campus; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government urges the Arkansas Union to severely reduce, if not eliminate, technology charges for Registered Student Organizations; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government encourages the Arkansas Union to re-evaluate its funding sources to ensure that an undue burden is not placed on student groups; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government suggests the Arkansas Union update the reservation pricing guide available online; and

Be it further resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Arkansas Union, Dr. Rob Stagni, Director of the Office of Student Activities, Dr. Mary Skinner, and Associated Student Government President-Elect Coleman Warren.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye 39  Nay 0  Abstentions 0

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Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate  4/14/2021  Date
Julia Nall, ASG President

Date: 4/4/2021