A Resolution to Support the Creation of the ReUse Room

Whereas, The University of Arkansas cost of attendance ranges from ~$25,000-$35,000 per academic year; and

Whereas, The cost of school supplies each year is an additional financial burden for each student; and

Whereas, There is still a substantial demand for school supplies for students; and

Whereas, There is a pool of unused school supplies currently in the Associated Student Government Office; and

Whereas, COVID-19 has amplified financial difficulties for many students because tuition price was not reduced. Additionally, students are incurring the total cost of attendance (i.e. textbooks, on-campus services, room and board) with very few opportunities for financial relief; and

Whereas, Many students have expressed dismay at the financial situation the University has placed upon them; and

Whereas, ASG programs like Open Educational Resource Access (OER) and scantron machines that have intended to relieve students of financial burdens have been successful; and

Whereas, Portland State University noticed similar financial issues on their campus and created a Reuse Room using a community-based model in which they offer students school supplies and household items at no cost; and
Whereas, The University of Arkansas has a goal to divert 90% of the waste from the landfill by 2030 through all necessary means; and the aversion and diversion of unused school supplies contributes to this sustainability goal; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government will acquire donations through a series of tabling drives, in addition to, utilizing the school supplies in the ASG office. Once the demand for this service has been established through a trial period of one academic year, the ReUse Room will occupy a space in the Arkansas Union to accommodate for the increased demand of school supplies and donations at no cost; and

Be it finally resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the creation of the ReUse Room to lessen the financial burden on our students by suppling academic materials such as notebooks, writing utensils, binders, file folders, small electronics, coffee mugs, and any other miscellaneous donations at no cost; and

Be it further resolved: The authors of this legislation work with the Office of Student Activities and the Arkansas Union to expand the resources necessary to create the ReUse Room and ensure that all students have equal access to any pertinent information regarding the functions and availability of this resource; and

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Arkansas Union Director Rob Stagni and Director of Student Activities Dr. Mary Skinner.

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Amendments: 

Vote Count: Aye 45 Nay 1 Abstentions 2

Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _________
Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate  

Julia Nall, ASG President  

Date