Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Resolution No. 9

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A Resolution to Require Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Curriculum
Within the University Perspectives Course and Its Equivalencies

Whereas, diversity, inclusion, and equity has been a major topic of discussion and reform on the University of Arkansas campus and our nation; and

Whereas, there has been multiple events where students have been caught expressing insensitive and racist actions towards minority communities; and

Whereas, the chancellor has received various letters, petitions, and general concerns in regards to ensuring all students feel safe and included on campus; and

Whereas, every student must complete the University Perspectives course or its’ equivalence before graduating; and

Whereas, the basic University Perspectives course has diversity, equity, and inclusion curriculum that is required for professors to teach within the course, however, it is up to their discretion which specific modules and topics they want to include; and

Whereas, there is not curriculum involving the topic of diversity, inclusion, and equity that is required by the Freshman Engineering program and the Freshman Business Connections program; and

Whereas, the Freshman Engineering program and the Freshman Business Connections program enrollment makes up approximately 1/3 of the incoming freshman class; and

Whereas, there are various outlets on campus that students are not aware of with resources and initiatives to ensure every student feels included; and
Whereas, first year students could benefit from being made aware of resources and outlets on campus that champion diversity and inclusion as well as beginning the discussion on what it looks like to be allies and create a campus that is inclusive; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government supports a motion to enact standard diversity, inclusion, and equity curriculum that is required to incorporate into the University Perspectives course, Freshman Engineering program, and the Freshman Business Connections program; and

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to the Director of University Perspectives, Kelly Westeen, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity & Inclusion/Director of the Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education, Leslie Yingling, Dr. Deb Korth, and Chancellor Joe Steinmetz.

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