**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Joint Bill No. 5*

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**Bill to Amend ASG Constitution to Create a Permanent Senate Seat for International Students**

Whereas, According to the University of Arkansas Fall 2016 Enrollment

 Report, approximately 5,000 freshmen began their

 academic studies at the University of Arkansas; and

Whereas, According to the aforementioned report, approximately 1,500 total

 students at the University of Arkansas are international students,

 constituting more than 5% of all students at the University; and

Whereas, While we, the elected representatives of the student body, are

selected to represent the needs, opinions, and ideas of the numerous and diverse groups that call the University of Arkansas home; International students, which make up 5% of the student body, are currently allocated no permanent seats within the Senate; and

Whereas, The current Associated Student Government Constitution allocates 5 seats to those incoming freshman seeking to become involved and

 make an impact on campus; however in the Fall 2016 election, all 5 seats were not filled by incoming freshman, leaving a vacancy for the Fall 2016 semester; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government

Constitution Article II, Section 2.B,

Subsection c, be amended from “five(5)” senate

seats allocated to freshman, to “four(4)”; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government

Constitution Article II, Section 2.B,

Subsection d, be amended to become

Subsection “E”; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government

Constitution Article II, Section 2.B, be

amended to include Subsection d which states

the following: “The class of international students shall be entitled to one (1) Senate seat.

The definition of an international student for both elections and voting qualifications shall be that they are deemed Foreign (International) based on the student’s status with the Registrar’s Office.”; and

Be it further resolved: that the referendum to approve Joint Bill 5 will coincide with the Fall 2017 Vacancy Election. the text of the referendum shall read:

“Do you support allotting one of the previously set aside five seats for incoming freshman to be designated as an International Student seat?”; and

Be it further and finally resolved: A joint subcommittee consisting of two (2)

undergraduate senators, and judicial, be created in order to oversee the validity, integration, and Implementation in accordance with the ASG Code and Constitution.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye Nay Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed Failed­ Other

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Will Watkins, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Connor Flocks, ASG President Date