**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Joint Resolution No. 8*

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**Campus Sexual Violence Survey Act**

Whereas, Campus sexual violence is an ongoing and pervasive issue affecting students across the country; and

Whereas, College-aged women are 3-4 times more likely to experience sexual violence as compared to all women[[1]](#footnote-1) and male college students are 78% more likely to be a victim of rape or sexual assault compared to non-students[[2]](#footnote-2); and

Whereas, More than 90% of survivors of sexual assault on campus do not report the assault[[3]](#footnote-3); and

Whereas, in 2015, 7 sex offenses were reported to the University of Arkansas Police Department, the most reported in the past six years[[4]](#footnote-4); and

Whereas, in 2015, 43 complaints concerning sexual assault, sexual harassment and domestic/dating violence were made against students to the University of Arkansas’ Title IX office, up from 14 in 2013[[5]](#footnote-5); and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has not completed a campus climate survey on campus sexual violence[[6]](#footnote-6); and

Whereas, Issues concerning sexual violence at the University of Arkansas cannot be adequately addressed or remedied without proper information and data on the prevalence of sexual violence at the University of Arkansas; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has been under investigation by the Department of Education for alleged violations of Title IX since April 21, 2016; and

Whereas, Members of Associated Student Government and Graduate Student Congress are leaders on campus and in the community with the ability to influence their fellow classmates by their actions; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas will, on or about February 20, 2017, open, for two weeks, an optional survey on campus sexual assault for students to take; then

Be it therefore resolved: That in order to demonstrate commitment to ending sexual violence on campus, each and every voting member of Associated Student Government Senate and Graduate Student Congress pledges to take the University of Arkansas’ optional survey on campus sexual assault within the two weeks the survey opens on or around February 20th; and

Be it further resolved, That ASG set up informational tabling during the week of February 27th that the survey is open to encourage the student body to take the survey; and

Be it further resolved, That All branches of ASG publicize the Campus climate Survey through all available channels; and

Be it further resolved, That in the event there is 50% completion rate from all voting members of Associated Student Government Senate, a donation of $250 will be made to the NWA Center for Sexual Assault, and if there is a 100% participation rate from the voting members of the Associated Student Government Senate, a donation of $500 will be made; if there is 50% participation from the Graduate Student Congress, a donation in the amount of $250 will be made, and if there is 100% participation, a donation of $500 will be made; and

Be it further resolved, That any donations made by Associated Student Government Senate and/or any donations made by the Graduate Student Congress would be appropriated from that body’s general funds and donated to the Northwest Arkansas Center for Sexual Assault.

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Amendments:

Senate Vote Count: Aye Nay Abstentions

GSC 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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Scout Johnson, GSC Speaker Date

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Connor Flocks, ASG President Date

1. <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Id. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. id. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <http://uapd.uark.edu/annualreport.pdf> (page2) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Title IX Reports since 2013 available at <https://stoparkansasrape.wordpress.com/2016/07/07/title-ix-cases-since-2013/> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Emails between Samantha Baker and Rebecca Morrison, Public Information Officer for the University of Arkansas [↑](#footnote-ref-6)