**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Joint Resolution No. 9*

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**A Resolution to Support the Creation of a Student Life Issue Survey on UAConnect**

Whereas, Undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Arkansas come from a wide range of backgrounds, financial situations, and home situations; and

Whereas, Adequate living conditions and basic amenities are necessary for a student’s academic success; and

Whereas, There is currently no overarching and continuous way to survey undergraduate or graduate students on issues such as food insecurity, homelessness and other circumstances that can appear quickly while putting a strain on a student’s education; and

Whereas, Current outlets such as social media and university websites are not 100% effective in communicating information about campus resources to students; and

Whereas, Students have had to discontinue their education in the past because of life circumstances which impacts graduation and retention rates at the University of Arkansas; and

Whereas, UAConnect is a system every undergraduate and graduate student at the University of Arkansas utilizes and must check periodically throughout the semester; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has many resources available to undergraduate and graduate students with strenuous circumstances, however many are unaware of these resources; then

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate body at the University of Arkansas and the Graduate Student Congress support the creation of a Confidential short survey on UAConnect to ask questions such as but not limited to: “Are you currently food insecure?”, “Do you have a steady living situation?”, “How accessible are you to frequent meals?”, “Do you foresee any life circumstances in the near future that would interfere with your education and wellbeing?”, “Do you currently have a medical condition or mental health issue interfering with your education?”; and

Be it further resolved: Absolute confidentiality/anonymity be stressed for the student at the beginning of the survey, throughout the survey, and upon completion; and

Be it further resolved: The Director of Student Health, and the Director of Campus Life work in conjunction with the university registrar to look into the adoption, creation, and implementation of an confidential survey that would address the stated concerns of all students at the University of Arkansas and would incorporate collaboration with the following offices: UA Cares, Student Affairs, Pat Walker Health Center, the office of Student Retention and Graduation, and the Volunteer Action Center; and

Be it further resolved: Upon completion of this survey, the student be presented with a list of resources based on his or her answers; and

Be it further resolved: There be a 3rd screen that appears after the student’s responses have been submitted that provides the option for a personal follow-up; and connection with the UA cares program; and

Be it further resolved: This short survey appear once a semester on each student’s UA Connect homepage upon login at registration; and

Be it further resolved: These responses be used to compile anonymous data on student issues that can be used to combat this problem in the future; and

Be it further resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to: Dave Dawson, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Services and University Registrar, Office of the Registrar, Silas Hunt Hall 146, and to Dr. Charles Robinson, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye Nay Abstentions

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