**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution 03*

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**A Resolution to Support Crosswalk Installment on Arkansas Ave.**

Whereas, The University of Arkansas currently has development plans to place Senior Walk along both sides of Arkansas Avenue; and

Whereas, The only two legal crosswalks currently on Arkansas Avenue are at its two ends, Dickson Street and Maple Street; and

Whereas, Students living at Sigma Phi Epsilon, FarmHouse, Kappa Alpha Order, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sterling Frisco, Sterling District, and Gather Dickson are generally forced to cross Arkansas Avenue daily, and that number accounts for roughly over 2,000 students or 7% of the student body; and

Whereas, Crossing without a legal crosswalk is illegal and can also be very dangerous, especially at night time; and

Whereas, 35,200 pedestrians were killed in the U.S. in 2015, totally 10% of total deaths that year; and

Whereas, The number of students needing to cross at Arkansas Avenue is significant with 5 resident buildings, three faculty office spaces and a plethora of residential buildings east of Arkansas Avenue; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas is offering 417 night classes this fall, increasing the number of students that will cross Arkansas Avenue at night; and

Whereas, Providing safe crosswalks well marked and light on campus is imperative to student’s safety; then

Be it therefore resolved: The University of Arkansas Associated Student Government Senate supports any and all initiatives aimed at greater student safety efforts associated with Arkansas Avenue; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate and the undergraduate executive team, specifically Director of Student Safety J.P. Gairhan and Director of Campus Life Tristan Cross, go and advocate on behalf of the students which they represent for the installation of crosswalks on Arkansas Avenue in conjunction with the senators authoring this resolution; and

Be it therefore resolved: That in the coming weeks, further legislation be written with regards to crosswalks across campus in its entirety and as well the potential funding of crosswalks be considered; and

Be it further resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to University of Arkansas Police Department Chief Gahagans Director of Parking and Transit Gary Smith

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Amendments: amendment to line 35, to read were killed in the U.S. in; amendment to line 71 o delete Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz; amendment to line 72 to read University of Arkansas Police Department Chief Gahagans

Vote Count: Aye 42 \_ Nay 2 \_ Abstentions\_\_1\_\_

Legislation Status: Passed\_yes\_\_ Failed\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_

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Colman Betler, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Andrew Counce, ASG President Date