**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 12*

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**The Parking Lot 17 Light Pole Placement Resolution**

Whereas, Providing a safe and comfortable campus environment for all students is imperative to encouraging student success. One can’t devote themselves completely to their schooling if they are worried about safety while walking on campus to and from classes.

Whereas, Scooter related crimes reported to the University of Arkansas Police Department more than doubled between 2014 and 2016[[1]](#footnote-1); and

Whereas, Of scooter crimes reported in 2016, 23% occurred in Parking Lot 17, the highest of any particular lot on campus, making the installation of further lighting a major priority; and

Whereas, The ‘2006 National Crime Victimization Survey’ conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported 70.3% of motor vehicle theft, 67.9% of rapes and sexual assaults, and 57.5% of robberies occur at nighttime; and 7% of violent crimes occur in a parking lot or garage[[2]](#footnote-2); and

Whereas, Next fall the University of Arkansas will offer 425 evening courses, a 33% increase since Spring 2012[[3]](#footnote-3); and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas is growing in student enrollment, and with on-campus living accommodations for only 22.56% of enrolled students[[4]](#footnote-4), a vast majority of those students must live off-campus, causing campus itself to significantly empty at night; and

Whereas, Scooter Parking Lot 17 currently does not have an adequate street light[[5]](#footnote-5).

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate and the undergraduate executive team, specifically Director of Campus Life Andrew Counce and Parking and Transit Director Tristan Locke, go and advocate on behalf of the students which they represent for the installation of a street light at Scooter Parking Lot 17; and

Be it further resolved: That in the coming weeks, further legislation to enact a student survey about lighting on campus and also potentially fund the Lot 17 light pole project be considered; and

Be it further resolved: To urge the University of Arkansas, the Chancellor’s Office, and the Department of Transit and Parking to display a renewed commitment to student safety through improved campus infrastructure; and

Be it further resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to: Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz and Director of Parking and Transit Gary Smith.

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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

1. http://uapd.uark.edu/clery/daily-crime-log/index.php [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus0604.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. https://registrar.uark.edu/archives/index.php, https://registrar.uark.edu/registration/schedule-of-classes.php [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://oir.uark.edu/students/enrollment-reports/spring2017enrlrpt-prelim.pdf>, http://housing.uark.edu/campus\_communities/ [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. http://i.imgur.com/gPM8I2Y.jpg [↑](#footnote-ref-5)