**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 19*

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**A Resolution to Increase Student Engagement through the Utilization of Pocket Points**

Whereas, student excellence is best achieved when those who are in the classroom is focused on the lectures of the classes in which they attend;

Whereas, distractions in the classroom have become a prevalent issue due to frequent cell phone use; and

Whereas, grades can be reflective of the amount time that students spend on their phones in class; and

Whereas, it is encouraged in many classrooms, but not mandatory, that students put away their cell phones during class time; and

Whereas, students respond best to award-based incentives; and

Whereas, Pocket Points is a smartphone application that serves to promote classroom attentiveness by incentivizing students to lock their phones during class; and

Whereas, students can accumulate points for different prizes through local vendors by locking their phones while the Pocket Points application is being used, then

Be it therefore resolved: that the Associated Student Government at the University of Arkansas supports the utilization of Pocket Points in the classroom to enhance student learning and engagement, and

Be if further resolved: that upon passage of this legislation, it be presented to Faculty Senate, so that awareness of the benefits of this application can be made known to all department heads and faculty.

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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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