**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 20*

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**A Resolution to Support a Better Cycling Environment at the University of Arkansas**

Whereas, Across the United States, cycling has grown rapidly as a mode of transportation. Arkansas between 2005 and 2013 saw an increase of cycling commutes by as much as 39%; and

Whereas, Northwest Arkansas has constructed more than 200 miles of hard and soft-surface trails for both recreational and transportational use, with many more miles of trails set to be constructed over the coming years; and

Whereas, The [2015 University of Arkansas Transportation Survey](https://planning.uark.edu/campus_planning/content/2015_transportation_plan_smry.pdf) found that over 50% of students, faculty, and staff would be more likely to bike to campus if there were better bicycle lanes, paths, or routes to campus.

Whereas, The University of Arkansas lacks the adequate infrastructure, education, and safety measures to allow more students to safely cycle to campus instead of using a vehicle, thus adding to the parking and traffic issues already being experienced on-campus because of a rapidly growing student body; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas recently received a ‘Silver’ award from a national bike organization, [League of American Bicyclists](http://bikeleague.org/), for its current efforts. However, as a university that continuously strives to be more sustainable, The University of Arkansas should be aiming to become a ‘Gold’ or ‘Platinum’ ranked university; and

Whereas, In addition to the authorship and sponsorship sections, this legislation has received the endorsement of Eric Boles, the current Director for the Office of Sustainability; and

Whereas, By investing in cycling infrastructure and programming at the University of Arkansas, this will help to contribute towards the goal of the university to become a carbon neutral institution by 2040; then

Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government Undergraduate Senate at the University of Arkansas supports a better environment for a safe and efficient bike commuting experience on-campus; and

Be it further resolved: That more bicycle paths and bicycle lanes should be constructed throughout the university, alongside creating a direct connection to the Northwest Arkansas trail system; and

Be it further resolved: Until such infrastructure is funded and constructed, cyclists need to be made aware of different routes to get to class, to avoid dense student traffic during peak times; and

Be it further resolved: That improved bike stations, lighting and security measures are essential to make sure that students feel safe leaving their bikes unattended during class, work, or extra-curricular hours; and

Be it further resolved: That educational programs will be necessary to create an environment in which both walking and cycling pedestrians are respected throughout campus, ensuring a safe commuting experience for all students; and

Be it further resolved: That a future bike share program for the University of Arkansas is essential to give more students the ability to use bikes to travel around campus; and

Be it finally resolved: That upon passage of this legislation, it will be presented to the Director of Campus Life, Director of Transit & Parking, and the Director of Campus Sustainability. Additionally, this legislation upon passage shall be presented to the Office of Sustainability, and the Vice-Chancellor of Facilities Management.

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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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