**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 04*

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 **A Resolution to Reaffirm Support for Diversity and Inclusion**

Whereas, The University of Arkansas’s commitment to diversity and inclusion has been communicated in word (its mission statement) and in action through development of initiatives and programs (i.e. Office of Inclusion, Diversity Week, Multicultural Center, etc.); and

Whereas, Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz, has set out eight guiding principles for the University, one of which is enriching campus diversity inclusion a strategic plan build through meetings with many programs and centers, students, faculty and staff. From which eight guiding priorities have been formed, with one of them being the enrichment of Campus Diversity and Inclusion; and

Whereas, it is evident that a rich array of diversity exists within the campus community of students, faculty and staff at The University of Arkansas, and Fayetteville at large. The University’s increasingly diverse student body continues to bring a range of backgrounds, perspectives, and needs to our campus; and

Whereas, in line with the right to freedom of expression and conscience, all members of the University, including student, faculty and staff, have the ability to act on their rights

Whereas, the SEC has affirmed the educational value and experience

 that a diversified and fully inclusive campus community that individuals with different perspectives, who come from different cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds and who have other distinctive characteristics bring. Hence, it is only expected that the University of Arkansas continue to advance diversity through all aspects of college life to have a richly diverse intellectual and social environment; then

Be it therefore resolved: That this Associated Student Government Senate supports ~~all~~ initiatives geared toward improved diversity and inclusion associated with the University of Arkansas; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate along with the authors, recognize the importance and need for continued advancement of diversity and inclusion on our campus, aimed at supporting the underrepresented students of whom they represent in an effort to improve our campus as a whole, and wish to ask the Executive team and Cabinet to continue to do the same;

Be it further resolved: The Senate of Associated Student Government at the University of Arkansas reaffirms the support and advancement of Diversity and Inclusion and the role it plays in our campus community and Northwest Arkansas.

Be it further resolved: That this Senate would like to assist the Chancellor in creating the environment described in his guiding priorities.

Be it further and finally resolved: That this resolution be sent to Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz, The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of the Provost and The Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education.

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Amendments: Line 19: “Has set out eight guiding principles for the University, one of which is enriching campus diversity inclusion”

Line 14-15: strike “via mission statement” and add “in its mission statement”

Vote Count: Aye 36 Nay 10 Abstentions

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Colman Betler, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Andrew Counce, ASG President Date