Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Bill No. 7

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Bill to Amend the ASG Constitution

Whereas, There is currently no cohesive vision for internal membership development on the Executive Council; and

Whereas, Membership development programs, such as the Freshmen Leadership Forum and the Associate Member Program, are not equally represented on the Executive Council; and

Whereas, The two programs serve the same purpose, the development of student leaders within the organization of ASG, yet hold a different status within the organization – one coordinator as an Executive Council member and the other coordinator as an Executive Cabinet member; and

Whereas, Internal development events, such as All ASG retreats and All-Calls, are not currently being fully utilized nor have they been in recent memory; and

Whereas, The Mississippi State University Student Government created a position on the executive council dedicated to overseeing developmental programs effectively; and
Whereas, There is potential for more impactful membership development to grow our student leaders; and

Whereas, There is potential for ASG to create an active Executive resource to advocating for all membership development organizations as well as handling internal responsibilities such as All Calls, Retreats, and Committee Appointments; and

Whereas, Any changes to the ASG Constitution must be approved by the student body of the University of Arkansas via referendum.

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports adding a referendum item to the upcoming ASG Election that would amend the ASG Constitution to replace the Freshmen Leadership Forum Coordinator position on the Executive Council with the Membership Development Coordinator; and

Be it further resolved: The responsibilities of the ASG Coordinator will be to oversee the Freshmen Leadership Forum, the Associate Member Program, ASG All Calls, ASG Retreats, and Committee Appointments; and

Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13 be amended to be titled, “Section 13 – Membership Development Programs”; and

Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13, subsection “A” be amended to read, “The president-elect shall be responsible for appointing a Membership Development Coordinator before the ASG Inauguration”; and

Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13, subsection “B” be created to read, “The Membership Development Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the Freshman Leadership Forum and Associate Member Programs”; and
Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution Article II, Section 7, subsection “B” be removed from the duties of The Office of Vice President; and

Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13, subsection “C” be created to read, “The Membership Development Coordinator shall be required to submit to both legislative bodies for approval nominations for student representatives to any non-ASG committee as outlined in the ASG Code. Approved nominations will then be submitted to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.”; and

Be it further resolved: The ASG Executive budget lowered from 24.5% to 23% and the FLF budget raised to 3% from 1.5% to reflect the changes to the ASG Constitution of All Calls, Retreats, and the Associate Member program being transferred to the responsibilities of the Membership Development Coordinator from the Executive budget; and

Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution, Article V, Section 2 be amended to read, “Twenty-Three percent (23.0%) of ASG Budget shall be apportioned to serves the Executive Operation Budget”; and

Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution, Article V, Section 6, subsection “A” be amended to read, “Three percent (3.0%) of ASG Budget shall be appropriated to serve as the Membership Development Programs Operating Budget”; and

Be it further resolved: The referendum item added to the ballot in the upcoming general election will read:

“Would you be in favor of a constitutional amendment to create a Membership Development Coordinator within ASG?
If enacted, this question would result in an internal change to the Associated Student Government for the purpose of increasing students' assessibility to ASG. This will have no impact on your fees or tuition.

The position will replace the Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator on the Executive Council, oversee the Freshmen Leadership Forum program, the Associate Member Program, ASG All Calls, ASG Retreats, and Committee Appointments. This change will lower the ASG Executive budget by 1.5% and raise the Membership Development Coordinator budget by 1.5% to reflect the changes above."

Be it finally resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate urges the undergraduate student body to vote on the referendum question.

Amendments: ________________________________

Vote Count: Aye 42 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other __________

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