Associated Student Government

University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Bill No. 8
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A Bill to Create an Exploratory Committee on Improving Culture and Accountability within the Senate

Whereas, On January 28th, 2020, ASG Senate Bill No. 6 “A Bill to Amend the Senate Standing Rules Act of 2019-2020” was brought to Senate floor proposing a requirement that senators write one piece of legislation per semester, and;

Whereas, Heavy debate from senators and students occurred on the potential effectiveness and implications of the bill, and;

Whereas, The Internal Affairs Committee of the Associated Student Government Senate voted to recommend to not pass the aforementioned Senate bill, and;

Whereas, The Internal Affairs Committee decided the best appropriate plan of action would be to create a committee to ensure that the issue was properly addressed, and;

Whereas, It is the duty of senators within the Associated Student Government to research, write, and propose meaningful legislation for the benefit of the student body.

Be it therefore resolved: An ad-hoc committee will be created with the goal of finding a solution to improve the culture and accountability within the Senate, and;

Be it further resolved: This committee shall research the ways senates at other benchmark institutions handle the issues as described in Senate Bill No. 6, and;
Be it further resolved: The committee shall also seek student opinion and factor that into the report it will give, and;

Be it further resolved: The committee shall be composed of seven senators, one of which serves as the head of the committee, and;

Be it further resolved: This committee shall not interfere with any other obligations in committees related to the Associated Student Government, and;

Be it further resolved: Nominations for the aforementioned positions will open immediately following the passage of this bill and will last for two meetings, with elections taking place on the day of the second meeting, and;

Be it further resolved: The election process shall consist of each nominee giving a two-minute speech with paper balloting taking place immediately after the conclusion of the final speech, and;

Be it further resolved: The senator who receives the most votes on the election day shall serve as head of the committee, and;

Be it further resolved: This committee will report back to the Senate on its findings by March 31st, 2020 considering its findings from other senates, student opinions, and ASG agents, and;

Be it finally resolved: This committee will be dissolved at the end of the Spring 2020 legislative session, and;

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Amendments: _________________________________________________________________

Vote Count: Aye _37_ Nay _0_ Abstentions _0_

Legislation Status: Passed _X_ Failed _____ Other ___________
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