Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Bill No. 10

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Sponsor(s): Chair of Senate Jack Switzer

The Student Safety Bill

Whereas, The Associated Student Government Senate pass “A Bill to Create the Annual Student Safety Bill” to comprehensively address the needs for student safety.

Whereas, According to the recent University of Arkansas Student Poll (2021) only 34% of the student population feel completely safe on campus.¹

Whereas, Maple Street is a high-traffic area for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Within the University of Arkansas campus, Maple Street contains 7 crosswalks, 4 of which are not protected by a traffic light. None of the unprotected traffic lights have warning light buttons for pedestrians, as compared to Garland Avenue or Stadium Drive, and

Whereas, Maple Street is an especially risky street for pedestrians considering the speeds that vehicles travel at downhill, the effect of direct sunlight from sunrise and sunset on drivers’ perception, and high volume of traffic.

Whereas, The University of Arkansas prioritizes the safety and welfare of its students, especially in regards to cases of alcohol or drug-related emergencies,

Whereas, From May of 2020 to April of 2021, the state of Arkansas experienced a 33 percent increase in drug overdose deaths, and individuals under the age of 24 accounted for 11.2 percent of all overdose deaths in 2019 nationally;

Whereas, Narcan Nasal Spray is a medicine containing naloxone, which can quickly and effectively reverse opioid overdoses by

restoring normal breathing to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped due to an overdose;

Whereas, Narcan is a needle-free device that requires no assembly, is easy to use, and is administered by police officers, emergency medical technicians, and non-emergency first responders;

Be it therefore resolved: In response to Whereas Clauses 3-4, the Associated Student Government Senate supports implementation of flashing warning lights at all unprotected crosswalks on Maple Street.

Be it further resolved: In response to Whereas Clauses 5-8, the Associated Student Government Senate supports the supply of Narcan rescue kits to University residence halls that could be used in case of emergency;

Be it further resolved: In response to Whereas Clauses 5-8, the Associated Student Government Senate supports that Narcan rescue kits will be stored in the lobby or reception areas of all residence halls on campus and will be restocked as needed;

Be it further resolved This upon passage should be utilized as a starting platform for future discussions and amendments to be discussed between students and administration;

Be it finally resolved: This bill shall go into effect upon passage by the ASG Senate and subsequent signing by the ASG President. Upon passage this bill will be sent to Chancellor Charles Robinson, Associate Vice Chancellor Melissa Hardwood-Rom and Associate Dean of Students Lori Landers

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Amendments:
Vote Count: Aye 40  Nay 0  Abstentions 0

Legislation Status: Passed ✔  Failed 0  Other 0

Jack Switzer, ASG Chair of the Senate

Coleman Warren, ASG President

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