Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Bill No. 11

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A Funding Bill Supporting the Allocation of Funding for Students Living in Residence Halls

Whereas, The University of Arkansas is dedicated to providing a safe and working environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors

Whereas, There is a limited supply of free condoms available to students on campus at this time.

Whereas, The only places that free condoms are currently available are the Women’s Clinic and available by request at the Pat Walker Health Center.

Whereas, The Pat Walker Health Center is only open from 8 AM to 5 PM on Mondays, 8 AM to 7 PM on Tuesdays - Thursdays, 9 AM to 5 PM on Fridays, 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays, and is closed on Sundays. The health center is closed during the most common times that students may need access to these resources.

Whereas, Wearing condoms results in substantially less STD cases and condoms are 98% effective at protecting against pregnancy when used correctly.  

Whereas, Getting pregnant is a hindrance to completing a college degree. Only 40 percent of teen mothers finish high school. Fewer than 2 percent finish college by age 30. Young women who give birth while attending a community college are 65 percent less likely to


2 https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/birth-control/condom/how-effective-are-condoms#:~:text=Condoms%20are%20great%20at%20preventing,getting%20or%20giving%20an%20STD.
complete their degree than women who do not have children during that time.\(^3\)

Whereas, School-based condom availability programs increase condom acquisition and use among adolescents, but do not change the frequency of sexual activity among students.\(^4\)

Whereas, The lack of safe sex resources at SEC schools is a prevalent issue. The University of Florida, and many other SEC schools only provide condoms upon request, just as the University of Arkansas currently does.\(^5\)

Whereas, Boston University provides access to condoms and other safe sex supplies through an on and off campus delivery system.\(^6\)

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the availability of condoms at all Residence halls at the University of Arkansas;

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate will allot approximately $1,000 for a one time purchase for 500 condoms for each residence hall on campus. There are 19 residence halls and 1000 condoms cost $300 dollars.\(^7\).

Be it further resolved: The rest of the money required to fund this initiative ($2,000) will be requested from Pat Walker and The Residents’ Interhall Congress.

\(^3\) https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/teen-pregnancy-affects-graduation-rates-postcard.aspx#:~:text=Only%2040%20percent%20of%20teen,have%20children%20during%20that%20time.


\(^5\) https://gatorwell.ufl.edu/health-topic/sexual-health/

\(^6\) https://www.bu.edu/shs/wellness/our-programs/sexual-health-misconduct-prevention/condom-fairy/

\(^7\) https://globalprotection.com/collections/one-condoms/products/fun-mix-sampler-case-of-500
Be it further resolved: These condoms will be stored at the front desks of the Residence halls and will be able to be accessed by students as long as there is an RA working;

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this resolution should be sent to the Residents’ Interhall Congress, the Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melissa Harwood-Rom, the Associate Dean of Students Lori Lander, and the Graduate-Professional Student Congress, and the Pat Walker Health Center.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye 36 Nay 0 Abstentions 4

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Jack Switzer, ASG Chair of the Senate 04/25/2022 Date

Coleman Warren, ASG President 4/25/2022 Date