Associated Student Government.

University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Bill No. 6
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A Bill to Amend the Code to Establish a New Operational Research Committee

Whereas, The role of a senator is to represent the voice of all students, and writing legislation is one of the most important ways to contribute; and

Whereas, Of our 50 senators, only 17 have authored a piece of legislation this year. The Standing Rules state that all senators must write a minimum of one piece of legislation in an academic school year; and

Whereas, The University of Texas at Austin recently established a similar committee within their Student Government Senate; helping senators create new ideas for legislation and determine what topics senators feel the most passionate about.

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government supports the implementation of an operational research committee whose responsibility will be sourcing student opinion on which issues matter most to them.

Be it further resolved: The Operational Research Committee would use a wide array of research methods, from surveys, to focus groups and beyond, to directly engage with students.

Be it further resolved: The ASG Code will be amended to insert a section after “Section 14 The Campus Life
Committee” and before “Section 15 – Legislation.” This section will be titled, “Operational Research Committee.”

Be it further resolved: This section will read, “A. The Operational Research Committee shall be responsible for conducting direct research on the opinions of the student body and providing their findings to the Associated Student Government Senate. B. The Operational Research Committee Chair shall be the presiding officer of the committee and shall coordinate the committee’s meetings.”

Be it finally resolved: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year upon passage by the ASG Senate and subsequent signing by the ASG President.

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Amendments: _________________________

Vote Count: Aye 39 Nay 2 Abstentions 2

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Jack Switzer, ASG Chair of the Senate 03/13/2022

Coleman Warren, ASG President 3/3/2022