Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Resolution No. 6

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A Resolution Regarding a Proposed Change to Homecoming Royalty

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has been celebrating homecoming since the first homecoming game against Southern Methodist University on November 18th, 1922; and

Whereas, The competition for Homecoming Queen has dated back since the origins of UARK Homecoming; and

Whereas, The competition for Homecoming King has only been around since its inaugural appointment in 2016; and

Whereas, High schools and Universities alike are beginning to change their traditional Homecoming programming to be more inclusive for all students; and

Whereas, Universities such as Purdue, Northwestern, Penn State, West Lafayette, Ind., have all changed to models highlighting “Homecoming Royalty”; and

Whereas, Title VII, Section 1, Article D of the ASG Code states that: “Homecoming King and Queen shall be selected from the seven males and seven females chosen to serve on that year’s Homecoming Court.”

Be it therefore resolved: The University of Arkansas Associated Student Government Senate is in favor of posing a referendum to survey students’ interest in remodeling the Homecoming court procedures to not discriminate on the basis of gender and seek to create a new model inclusive to all students on campus regardless of gender identity; and
Be it further resolved: A referendum item added to the upcoming ASG General Election ballot that reads,

“Would you be in favor of a remodeling of the Homecoming Court selection process to not include gender categorization of court candidates? This would advocate for the creation of naming two ‘Homecoming Royalty’ or similar title in lieu of Homecoming King and Queen.”; and

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

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Amendments: 

Vote Count: Aye 42  Nay 0  Abstentions 0

Legislation Status: Passed ☑  Failed ______  Other ______

Jack Switzer, ASG Chair of the Senate 12/8/2021

Coleman Warren, ASG President 12/8/2021