Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Resolution No. 9
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A Resolution to Support the Prohibition of the Requirement of Homecoming Pomping

Whereas, University of Arkansas Panhellenic and IFC Chapters currently engage in Homecoming Pomping each fall as an expectation set forth by Arkansas Alumni Association and Greek Life, and must follow guidelines as set forth by the Arkansas Alumni Association and Greek Life; and

Whereas, Only Panhellenic and IFC chapters participate in this tradition thus leading to an inequitable and unequal homecoming experience on campus as other Greek and non-Greek organizations do not have the same opportunity to partake in this tradition; and

Whereas, The act of pomping is unsustainable and damaging to our campus community due to the excessive waste of supplies and the trash left discarded on campus following Homecoming; and

Whereas, The excessive waste and litter accumulated on campus is not cleaned up by IFC or Panhellenic actors therefore burdening extraneous campus resources; and

Whereas, Pomping is not an inclusive campus tradition for the following entities: including but not limited to; non-Greek student organizations, Residence Halls, departments, and student apartment complexes;

Whereas, Panhellenic Chapters are required to only use their own funds which creates division and competition between the chapters due to lack of equal resources;

Whereas, Each of the 11 Panhellenic chapters spend between $1200 - $7000 on pomping per year that could be allocated towards more equitable and sustainable programming;

Whereas, there is public support from leaders of the following organizations, Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the
Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate recommends that the University of Arkansas and the University of Arkansas Greek Life Office consider prohibiting the act of requiring pompom in order to prevent inequitable and unsustainable practices; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate recommends exploring alternatives to further engage the campus community, such as but not limited to outdoor community events, campus wide organization banner spirit competitions funded by the Arkansas Alumni Association;

Be it further resolved: All organizations should be encouraged to celebrate Homecoming in a way that brings the campus together; and

Be it finally resolved: That a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Arkansas Alumni Association, Vice Chancellor of Greek Life Parice Bowser, Panhellenic Advisor Carissa Kelly, IFC Advisor Aubrey Cala, Panhellenic President Kinsey Landry, IFC President Zach Clonch, and the Office of University Relations.

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Amendments:

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Jack Switzer, ASG Chair of the Senate

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Coleman Warren, ASG President