A Resolution to Improve Online Safety Resources

Whereas, Violent crime, specifically sexual assault, is an increasingly common issue on college campuses all throughout the country; and

Whereas, According to a 2018 survey of female University of Arkansas students, 31% responded that they had been sexually assaulted, a figure twice as high as previous studies; and

Whereas, In a hearing in the Arkansas state legislature, study author Dr. Kristen Jozkowski\(^1\) claimed that the university could benefit from increased preventative resources; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas’s online resource states an incorrect figure for the number of blue light emergency phones “e-phones”; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas’s “campus map”\(^2\) provides inaccurate locations for e-phones, and omits existing e-phones from the map; and

Whereas, The University of Virginia provides an example of a more accessible and informative online resource\(^3\), providing the total number of functioning and non-functioning e-phones; and

Whereas, Mississippi State University has 68 e-phones that are checked for efficacy weekly, and simple issues are fixed in as little as 48 hours; and


\( ^3 \) “Public Emergency Phones Dashboard.” [UVA](https://veoci.com/v/p/dashboard/pg9g6m).
Whereas, The lack of these practices at the University of Arkansas renders it less equipped than other universities to properly inform students regarding safety infrastructure; and

Whereas, This action will foster accountability in administration through student oversight made possible by more informative online resources; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports updating safety resources on campus websites to ensure accuracy and accessibility, and to show in simple language the functionality of e-phones; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate recommends that e-phone resources adopt an “Emergency Phones Dashboard” like that of University of Virginia; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports regularly checking e-phones for proper function, and regularly updating campus resources to reflect the most recent information; and

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports fostering information-sharing relationships within administration to ensure that online resources are kept current; and

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Interim Chancellor Charles Robinson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melissa Harwood-Rom, Director of Title IX Compliance Shanita Pettaway, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Scott Turley, and UAPD Director Stephen Gahagans.

Amendments: ________________________________________________________________

Vote Count: Aye ________ Nay ________ Abstentions ________

Legislation Status: Passed Failed Other – Removed from Agenda
Gabrielle Gies, ASG Chair of the Senate

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