



1 **Associated Student Government**

2 *University of Arkansas*

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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 4*

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10 **A Resolution to Support the Creation of the ReUse Room**

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13 Whereas, The University of Arkansas cost of attendance ranges from  
14 ~\$25,000-\$35,000 per academic year; and

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16 Whereas, The cost of school supplies each year is an additional financial  
17 burden for each student; and

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19 Whereas, There is still a substantial demand for school supplies for students;  
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22 Whereas, There is a pool of unused school supplies currently in the  
23 Associated Student Government Office; and

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25 Whereas, COVID-19 has amplified financial difficulties for many students  
26 because tuition price was not reduced. Additionally, students are  
27 incurring the total cost of attendance (i.e. textbooks, on-campus  
28 services, room and board) with very few opportunities for financial  
29 relief; and

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31 Whereas, Many students have expressed dismay at the financial situation the  
32 University has placed upon them; and

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34 Whereas, ASG programs like Open Educational Resource Access (OER) and  
35 scantron machines that have intended to relieve students of  
36 financial burdens have been successful; and

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38 Whereas, Portland State University noticed similar financial issues on their  
39 campus and created a Reuse Room using a community-based model  
40 in which they offer students school supplies and household items at  
41 no cost; and

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43 Whereas, The University of Arkansas has a goal to divert 90% of the waste  
44 from the landfill by 2030 through all necessary means; and the  
45 aversion and diversion of unused school supplies contributes to this  
46 sustainability goal; and  
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48 Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government will acquire  
49 donations through a series of tabling drives, in  
50 addition to, utilizing the school supplies in the ASG  
51 office. Once the demand for this service has been  
52 established through a trial period of one academic  
53 year, the ReUse Room will occupy a space in the  
54 Arkansas Union to accommodate for the increased  
55 demand of school supplies and donations at no cost;  
56 and  
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58 Be it finally resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports  
59 the creation of the ReUse Room to lessen the financial  
60 burden on our students by suppling academic  
61 materials such as notebooks, writing utensils, binders,  
62 file folders, small electronics, coffee mugs, and any  
63 other miscellaneous donations at no cost; and  
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65 Be it further resolved: The authors of this legislation work with the Office of  
66 Student Activities and the Arkansas Union to expand  
67 the resources necessary to create the ReUse Room  
68 and ensure that all students have equal access to any  
69 pertinent information regarding the functions and  
70 availability of this resource; and  
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72 Be it finally resolved; A copy of this legislation be sent to Arkansas Union  
73 Director Rob Stagni and Director of Student Activities  
74 Dr. Mary Skinner.  
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78 Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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80 Vote Count: Aye 45 Nay 1 Abstentions 2  
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82 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

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Julia Nall, ASG President

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