

1 **Associated Student Government**
2 *University of Arkansas*



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5 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 6*

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11 **A Resolution to Waive In-Person Attendance Requirement and**
12 **Replace COVID-19 Academic Flexibility Request Form**

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14 Whereas, COVID-19 has continued to persist across the country and on
15 college campuses across the United States, with no
16 indication of a vaccine becoming available in the near future;
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19 Whereas, COVID-19 has prompted the University of Arkansas to
20 offer increased remote-delivery and hybrid options for
21 courses, while not requiring in-person attendance; and

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23 Whereas, COVID-19 has required students to adapt their living and
24 learning situations due to concerns of physical, mental, and
25 financial health, which may include living off-campus in
26 other states; and

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28 Whereas, the Provost recently issued an announcement for the spring
29 semester that faculty would be able to require in-person
30 attendance; and

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32 Whereas, students may fill out the COVID-19 Academic Flexibility
33 Request form to opt out of mandatory in-person attendance;
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36 Whereas, the COVID-19 Academic Flexibility Request form only allows
37 students with medical concern of self or other to apply for an
38 exemption; and

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40 Whereas, students should have the right to attend class remotely solely
41 due to personal safety concern; and

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43 Whereas, the COVID-19 Academic Flexibility Request form does not
44 guarantee that any student can opt-out of in-person
45 attendance, only that they will be considered; and
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Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government supports
49 a motion to waive the mandatory in-person
50 requirements and replace the COVID-19
51 Academic Flexibility Request form for next
52 semester; and
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Be it further resolved: The COVID-19 Academic Flexibility Request
55 form be replaced on a course-by-course basis
56 with a form provided by individual faculty if a
57 course is offered synchronously. If a class has
58 sections offered asynchronously, the faculty
59 member will not have to send out the form; and
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Be it further resolved: The new form sent by individual faculty must
62 allow students to opt out of in-person
63 attendance solely based on personal safety
64 concerns without the requirement of
65 supporting documents; and
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Be it further resolved: Students may choose in-person attendance for
68 some classes and remote delivery for others on
69 the basis of class size and corresponding
70 comfortability of the student; and
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Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate
73 supports that students can opt out of in-person
74 classes at any point in the semester and
75 communicate this option to their instructor;
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Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Provost
79 Charles Robinson, Chancellor Joe Steinmetz,
80 and Faculty Senate.
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Amendments: _____

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Vote Count: Aye 43 Nay 0 Abstentions 2

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86 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____

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91 Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

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94 Julia Nall, ASG President

_____ Date