**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*Resolution No.* 17

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**A Resolution to Support the Restructuring of the University Perspectives Course Into A Diversity Course**

Whereas, The University of Arkansas is in the process of restructuring the freshman course, University Perspectives, in order to better student success; and

Whereas, University Perspectives purpose is to increase students’ critical thinking and civic engagement; and

Whereas, Discussions regarding diversity are essential for all students in order to understand the world they live in, conduct successful leadership, and benefit in future careers—advancing student success through critical thinking and civic engagement; and

Whereas, Concerning the University of Arkansas freshman student’s recent racist Snapchat post in his freshman dorm Snapchat group and many other incidents, the need for these discussions are ever present; and

Whereas, This incident could have potentially been avoided with correct education on diversity, culture, and how to correctly address diverse populations

Whereas, In ASG Senate Resolution No. 04, Senate expressed its collective support of initiatives geared toward improving diversity and inclusion on the University of Arkansas campus, as well as recognized the need for the continued advancement of diversity and inclusion; and

Be it therefore resolved: The ASG Senate encourages the restructuring of University Perspectives into a diversity-based course by the University of Arkansas, to better validate, educate, and protect students on campus; and

Be it further resolved: Restructuring this course would benefit every student on this campus, not just minority student populations, such as all future students and faculty; and

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to the Co-Directors of Diversity and Inclusion, the Faculty and Staff Senate, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Provost Jim Coleman, Vice Provost Ro Di Brezzo, Vice Provost of Diversity and Inclusion Yvette Murphy-Erby, and Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye 37 Nay 7 Abstentions 1

Legislation Status: Passed yes Failed­ Other

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Colman Betler, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Andrew Counce, ASG President Date