**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Bill or Resolution No. 21*

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Sponsor(s):, Senator Luke Turner, Senator Chris Pardun, Senator Blaine Fielder, Senator Brandon Davis, Senator Drake Moudy, Senator Karsen Sims

**A Resolution Supporting the Evaluation of Campus Lighting**

Whereas, The University of Arkansas student population is constantly growing and as our campus is expands, numerous new buildings, parking lots, and housing units are being constructed; and

Whereas, As we continue to grow, adequate lighting around campus has become a leading safety concern for many students, faculty, and visitors to the University of Arkansas; and

Whereas, The safety of all students is one of the biggest concerns for the Associated Student Government Senate, and the comfort of all students to engage on our campus in all capacities, regardless of sunlight hours, is essential to maintaining a robust campus community. Many students feel unsafe with the current lighting levels.

Whereas, The Associated Student Government recognizes that Facilities Management, Parking and Transit, and the University Police are committed to student safety, and that measures such as continued evaluations and “lighting walks” are a great way to identify lighting issues; and

Whereas, On April 4, 2017, the Undergraduate Senate voted 46-0-2 to pass Senate Bill No. 13, which expressed support for and funded in part the installation of two additional light poles in Lot 17 as a joint project with the Department of Transit and Parking and the Department of Facilities Management; and

Whereas, Since the installation of additional lighting, Lot 17 has seen a 94% decrease in crime[[1]](#footnote-1).

Whereas, Current campus lighting standards were set in 2008 at 1fc av/.5 fc min in parking lots and .5fc av/.1fc min in pedestrian areas, with additional guidelines to minimize light trespass and glare[[2]](#footnote-2).

Be it therefore resolved: The Undergraduate Senate supports the reevaluation of established campus lighting standards to ensure these standards are meeting the current needs of our campus.

Be it further resolved: The Undergraduate Senate supports efforts to conduct evaluations of lighting levels on all parts of campus to confirm lighting standards are being maintained; and

Be it further resolved: The Undergraduate Senate should help promote future student lighting evaluations through participation and advertising such events to the student body; and

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Mike Johnson, Facilities Management Director of Planning and Design Jay Huneycutt, Director of Parking and Transit Gary Smith, University Police Director Steve Gahagans, and University Police Captain Gary Crain.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye acclimation Nay \_ Abstentions

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

1. https://uapd.uark.edu/reports-and-logs/daily-crime-log/index.php [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. http://planning.uark.edu/campus\_planning/content/guide%20-%20part%202.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-2)