



ASG Senate Resolution No. 10

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A Resolution in Support of Nursing Room Renovations on Campus

Whereas, At its height, according to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, the number of single mothers in college reached nearly 2.1 million students or 11 percent of all undergraduates as of 2012. ¹

Whereas, In 2015, just 31 percent of single mothers ages 25 and older held a college degree, compared with 54 percent of comparable married mothers. ²

Whereas, According to the Arkansas Department of Health, “Rights of Students When Expressing Breastmilk”, an arrangement necessary for returning student mothers after giving birth is an appropriate place for the student to breastfeed, pump, or express her milk. ³

Whereas, The University of Arkansas meets the arrangement requirements stated through marked lactation or nursing rooms designated throughout campus, there is still a need for some locations to undergo minor renovations or refurbishments in order to best accommodate young mothers on campus.

Whereas, According to the MIT Human Resources Lactation Room Requirements, a lactation room at minimum should

¹ https://iwpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/C460_8.21.17_Single-Mothers-Briefing-Paper-FINAL-2.pdf

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³ https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Rights_of_Students.pdf

have such things as; a comfortable chair, preferably adjustable height with good back support, countertop or table for breast pump and supplies, and chemical cleaner for surfaces and hands. ⁴

Whereas, The University currently has approximately 21 nursing mother rooms on campus.⁵ Rooms more heavily frequented, like the nursing mother room in the Arkansas Union, could benefit from refurbishment and newer, more comfortable furniture.

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate support future endeavors in conjunction with the RSO Students for Loving Choices in their efforts to improve nursing room conditions at the University of Arkansas.

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Arkansas Union Director Rob Stagni and Distinguished Professor of Education Policy Dr. Patrick Wolf.

Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye 42 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

Legislation Status: Passed Failed _____ Other _____

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2/13/2020
Date

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⁴ <https://hr.mit.edu/worklife/lactation-room-requirements>

⁵ <https://uawomen.uark.edu/resources/documents/nursing-mothers-rooms.pdf>