

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

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4 *ASG Senate Bill No. 10*

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13 **A Bill to Create a Referendum to Change the Membership**
14 **Development Coordinator Position Title to Freshman Leadership**
15 **Forum Coordinator**
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17 Whereas, The Membership Development Coordinator ("MDC")
18 position was created via student body referendum during the
19 2020 general election; and
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21 Whereas, The MDC position was created to take various
22 responsibilities from the President and Vice President and
23 move them to one designated position, as well as to provide
24 centralized executive oversight to the Associate Member
25 Program ("AMP") and Freshman Leadership Forum ("FLF")
26 Coordinators; and
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28 Whereas, 2019-20 ASG Senate Bill No. 7 "Bill to Amend the ASG
29 Constitution" states, "There is currently no cohesive vision
30 for internal membership development on the Executive
31 Council"; and
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33 Whereas, ASG benefits from internal membership development being
34 prioritized by all members of the Executive Council rather
35 than a singular position; and
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37 Whereas, 2019-20 ASG Senate Bill No. 7 "Bill to Amend the ASG
38 Constitution" states, "Membership development programs,
39 such as the Freshmen Leadership Forum and the Associate
40 Member Program, are not equally represented on the
41 Executive Council"; and
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43 Whereas, The Associate Member Program Coordinator position
44 became vacant during the Fall 2022 semester and was never
45 filled; and
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47 Whereas, The Associate Member Program has not convened a meeting
48 since the Fall 2022 semester; and
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50 Whereas, The Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator began
51 attending Executive Council meetings regularly during the
52 Spring 2023 semester as an unofficial member of the
53 Executive Council; and
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55 Whereas, On March 28th, 2023, then-Student Body President Lauren
56 Loften and then-Student Body President-elect Cael
57 Losenegger issued a joint statement to announce a pilot
58 structure that would combine the responsibilities of the
59 Membership Development Coordinator and the Freshman
60 Leadership Forum Coordinator; and
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62 Whereas, The pilot structure also stipulated that the Membership
63 Development Coordinator would be jointly referred to as the
64 Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator; and
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66 Whereas, The pilot structure transferred responsibility of the ASG
67 Retreat from the MDC to the President and the responsibility
68 of ASG All-Calls to the Vice President, Advisor to the Vice
69 President, and Director of Special Events; and
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71 Whereas, The joint statement acknowledged that the Associate
72 Member Program would operate only as ASG recruitment
73 sessions during the 2023-24 academic year; and
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75 Whereas, The joint statement noted that a successful pilot of this
76 structure “could result in further codification of this
77 structure through changes to the ASG Constitution and ASG
78 Code in Spring 2024.”; and
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80 Whereas, After dissolving AMP and having the FLF Coordinator be
81 advised in other ways, the MDC role has become outdated
82 and obsolete; and
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84 Whereas, The roles of the MDC were to appoint students to
85 committees, coordinate Freshman Leadership Forum,

86 coordinate ASG recruitment efforts in conjunction with the
87 Director and Deputy Director of Recruitment, and plan and
88 execute ASG Retreat, ASG All-Calls, ASG Holiday Party, and
89 ASG End of Year Banquet/Party; and
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91 Whereas, The MDC position has proven unnecessary because emails
92 requesting student appointments for university committees
93 are typically sent to the President, making it difficult for the
94 MDC/FLF Coordinator to oversee committee appointments
95 and ultimately creating an extra step that the MDC must go
96 through by making them work through the ASG Advisor and
97 President to coordinate appointments, creating
98 inefficiencies; and
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100 Whereas, The MDC position has proven unnecessary because for the
101 Spring 2024 semester, the Director and Deputy Director of
102 Recruitment positions will now report to the Director of
103 Programming, as while they reported to the MDC they had
104 little interaction with the rest of the cabinet and needed
105 assistance with marketing efforts and collaboration with
106 other programing roles, as their direct report was outside of
107 the Executive Cabinet; and
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109 Whereas, The MDC position has proven unnecessary due to the fact
110 that the MDC and FLF Coordinator roles are inherently
111 unlike, tied together solely by the fact that the FLF
112 Coordinator previously reported to the MDC and the FLF
113 Coordinator participated in recruitment of their FLF class;
114 and
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116 Whereas, While FLF does recruit until early September, the remainder
117 of the academic year requires the FLF Coordinator to direct
118 substantial focus towards education and mentorship for FLF
119 members; and
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121 Whereas, FLF is the largest branch of ASG, including the FLF
122 Coordinator, 9 staff members, and 70 FLF members; and
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124 Whereas, Requiring the MDC to advise ASG recruitment efforts in
125 conjunction with the FLF Coordinator role created a
126 significant amount of work; and
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128	Whereas,	The MDC is the lowest paid position on the Executive
129		Council; and
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131	Whereas,	The current Membership Development Programs Operating
132		Budget now being divided between FLF, recruitment efforts,
133		All-Calls, and ASG parties has presented a challenge in
134		providing the FLF Coordinator with sufficient financial
135		resources to manage FLF; and
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137	Whereas,	Current MDC roles that are not related to the functions of
138		FLF can easily be transferred to other Executive Council
139		members, with most responsibilities transferred back to the
140		Executive Council members who held them prior to the
141		creation of the Membership Development Coordinator
142		position in 2020; and
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144	Whereas,	Appointments of students to University Committees can be
145		made by the President; and
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147	Whereas,	The ASG Holiday Party and ASG End of Year Banquet/Party
148		can be planned and executed by the Director of Special
149		Events; and
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151	Whereas,	All-Calls can continue to be managed by the Vice President,
152		Advisor to the Vice President, and Director of Special Events,
153		just as they have been throughout the 2023-24 academic
154		year; and
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156	Whereas,	The ASG Retreat can continue to be planned by the
157		President, as it was during the Fall 2023 semester; and
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159	Whereas,	Recruitment efforts can be managed in the Executive Cabinet
160		under the Director of Programming, as they have been
161		during the Spring 2024 semester; and
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163	Whereas,	Removing responsibilities from the FLF Coordinator that are
164		unrelated to FLF will allow the FLF Coordinator to dedicate
165		more time to FLF-specific duties, including but not limited
166		to: planning and running biweekly FLF and FLF staff
167		meetings (14 per semester), coordinating office hours for
168		members of FLF, meeting with each FLF member once per
169		semester (70 members x 1 one-hour meeting = 70 hours per
170		semester), meeting with each FLF staff member twice per

171 semester (9 staff members x 2 one-hour meetings = 18 hours
172 per semester), coordinating two service projects, and
173 creating and coordinating mentor-mentee pairings between
174 non-FLF ASG agents and members of FLF; and
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176 Whereas, ASG Constitution Article III, Section 5 defines the "Duties
177 and Powers of the Senate" and Article III, Section 5,
178 Subsection H reads, "To send Constitutional Amendments to
179 a referendum of the general ASG membership as outlined in
180 Article I, Section 1 of this Constitution"; and
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182 Whereas, ASG Constitution Article VII, Section 2 explains the
183 amendment process for the ASG Constitution and Article
184 VII, Section 2, Subsection A reads, "This Constitution shall
185 be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) margin, following the rules
186 for proportional voting as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of
187 this Constitution (unless initiated as outlined in Article VI,
188 Section 3 of this Constitution), by a majority of votes cast in
189 a referendum of the general ASG membership, and by
190 approval of the Chancellor."; and
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192 Whereas, A referendum replacing the term "Membership Development
193 Coordinator" with "Freshman Leadership Forum
194 Coordinator" in the Constitution would more accurately
195 reflect the responsibilities of the role; and
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197 Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate
198 supports a referendum to the University of
199 Arkansas undergraduate student body to
200 change all mentions of "Membership
201 Development Coordinator" in the Associated
202 Student Government Constitution to
203 "Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator";
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206 Be it further resolved: ASG Constitution Article II, Section 6,
207 Subsection O be created to read, "The
208 President shall be required to submit to the
209 ASG Senate for approval nominations for
210 student representatives to any non-ASG
211 committee as outlined in the ASG Code.
212 Approved nominations will then be submitted
213 to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs."; and

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215	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article II, Section 10 be
216		amended to read, "The Executive Council shall
217		consist of the President, the Vice President, the
218		Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Chair of the
219		Senate, Chief of Staff, Chief Justice, and
220		Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator.";
221		and
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223	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13 be
224		amended to be titled, "Section 13 – Freshman
225		Leadership Forum"; and
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227	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13,
228		Subsection A be amended to read, "The
229		President-elect shall be responsible for
230		appointing a Freshman Leadership Forum
231		Coordinator before the ASG inauguration.";
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234	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13,
235		Subsection B be amended to read, "The
236		Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator is
237		responsible for overseeing the Freshman
238		Leadership Forum."; and
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240	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article II, Section 13,
241		Subsection C be removed; and
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243	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article V, Section 6 be
244		amended to be titled, "Section 6 – Freshman
245		Leadership Forum Budget"; and
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247	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article V, Section 6,
248		Subsection A be amended to read, "Three
249		percent (3%) of ASG Budget shall be
250		appropriated to serve as the Freshman
251		Leadership Forum Operating Budget."; and
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253	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article V, Section 6,
254		Subsection A, Sub-subsection "a" be removed;
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257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article V, Section 6, Subsection B be amended to read, "The Freshman Leadership Forum Operating Budget shall be administered by the Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator in conjunction with the ASG Executive Committee and approved by the ASG Advisor."; and
265 266 267 268 269 270 271	Be it further resolved:	ASG Constitution Article V, Section 6, Subsection C be amended to read, "The ASG Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator shall submit the ASG Freshman Leadership Forum Operating Budget to the Senate as part of their duties."; and
272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299	Be it further resolved:	<p>A referendum item be added to the upcoming ASG General Election ballot that reads as follows:</p> <p>"Would you be in favor of altering the Associated Student Government Constitution to change all mentions of the position "Membership Development Coordinator" to "Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator" and to remove the Associate Member Program?</p> <p>This change would reflect the evolving nature of the Freshman Leadership Forum Coordinator role and ASG's membership development programs. The title of Membership Development Coordinator would be change to Freshman Leadership Coordinator and the Associate Membership Program would be abolished. Additionally, non-FLF Membership Development Coordinator responsibilities would be divided between the President, Director of Programming, and Director of Special Events.</p> <p>If passed, this question would result in an internal change to the Associated Student Government for the purpose of adapting ASG executive positions to meet the needs of the</p>

300 organization and the student body. This will
301 have no impact on your fees or tuition.”; and
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303 Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate
304 encourages the undergraduate student body to
305 vote on this referendum question; and
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307 Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Chief
308 Justice Kourtney Thompson.
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310 Amendments: _____
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312 Vote Count: Aye 38 Nay 0 Abstentions 2
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314 Legislation Status: Passed ✓ Failed _____ Other _____
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316 Jackson Terrell 2-7-24
317 Jackson Terrell, ASG Chair of the Senate Date
318 Cael Losenegger 2/7/24
319 Cael Losenegger, ASG President Date
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