**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 4*

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**A Resolution to Support the Reexamination and Recommitment of Limiting Personal Electronic Use in Senate Meetings**

Whereas, A study conducted by Deborah Tindell and Robert Bohlander in the journal “College Teaching” found that 92% of college undergraduate students reported using their cell phones to send text messages during class; and

Whereas, the Harvard Business Review Blog Network states that multitasking can reduce productivity by as much as 40%, increase stress, and cause a 10-point fall in IQ; and

Whereas, The Associated Student Government Senate members only meet once a week for an hour at a time limiting the amount of face to face communication they have with one another while in session; and

Whereas, There has been an increase in the use of electronic devices for non-Senate related purposes during session causing Senators to be distracted and seen as potentially disrespectful to their peers; then

Be it therefore resolved: Senators will reexamine and recommit to follow standing rule 5 (Decorum) section D, which states, “The use of personal electronic equipment (including cell phones, laptops, etc.) is limited to use for purposes related to ASG business only and is to be enforced by the Sergeant At Arms”; and

Be it further resolved: The Sergeant at Arms has the right to ask a Senator to put their device away or leave the session if they are abusing the use of their personal electronic device; and

Be it further resolved: Senators are encouraged to step outside of the session in the event of needing to address personal needs.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye \_ Nay \_ Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed Failed \_ Other

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Will Watkins, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Connor Flocks, ASG President Date