Associated Student Government

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 6*

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The Safe Ride Operation Expansion Act of 2016

Whereas, At the University of Arkansas, Safe Ride started operating in 2004 with the purpose of providing students with a safe and reliable ride home from any uncomfortable or inconvenient situation or when other plans have fallen through; and

Whereas, Safe Ride vehicles have driven over 18,018 miles, carried over 12,575 passengers, and made over 8,832 trips; and

Whereas, Undergraduate students living off campus who stay on campus late at night use Safe Ride as a safe mode of transportation to get back home; and

Whereas, Safe Ride has become a useful tool for those undergraduate students who do not have any kind of transportation and really need one; and

Whereas, Safe Ride offers different service schedules at the University of Arkansas, running on Monday and Tuesday *only* on campus from 10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and from Wednesdays to Saturdays from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on *and* off campus; and

Whereas, According to a survey taken by undergraduate students living off campus, 73% of these undergraduate students express that they occasionally stay on campus doing homework or studying for exams in Mullins Library until it closes at 2:00 a.m. 65% of the undergraduate students surveyed say that most of the days they stay on campus late at night are Mondays and Tuesdays; and

Whereas, Most undergraduate students who stay on campus late at night usually go back their homes by walking, which can potentially be dangerous for these undergraduate students, specifically women;

Be it therefore resolved: the Associated Student Government Senate encourages the Parking and Transit Department to prolong Safe Ride schedules in order to benefit undergraduate students living off campus; and

Be it further resolved: In addition to their existing operations, Safe Ride operate on and off campus from Monday to Saturday from the time of 11:00p.m. to 3:00a.m. ; and

Be it further resolved: The student community of the University of Arkansas would be informed about what Safe Ride is, and its history, objectives, and mission through various informational outlets including but not limited to: fliers, social media posts, and brochures; and

Be it further resolved: This extension of Safe Ride services would receive additional funding consideration from on campus organizations such as Associated Student Government when requesting funding from the Program Allocations Board to ensure the implementation of this resolution; and

Be it further and finally resolved: This resolution be sent to the University of Arkansas Transit and Parking department to adequately represent undergraduate student’s desire to extend the operations of the Safe Ride system.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye Nay Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed Failed Other

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