Associated Student Government  
*University of Arkansas*

**ASG Joint Bill No. 05**
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**Transfer of Law School From Senate to Graduate Student Congress Act of 2015**

Whereas, The Associated Student Government Constitution and Code serves as the sole governing document of student government at the University of Arkansas; and

Whereas, Article II Section 1 describes the composition of the Associated Student Government Legislative Branch as “the Senate shall represent the interest of undergraduate and law students” and “the GSC shall represent the interest of graduate students”; and

Whereas, Law students are professional students;

Whereas, The Graduate Student Congress addresses issues that are relevant to the needs and concerns of the law students; then,

Be it therefore resolved: That the Constitution reflects the following changes (the underlined portions are added, the stricken portions are deleted):

**Article II – Legislative Branch**

Section 1 – Composition of the Legislative Branch

A. The Legislative powers of the ASG shall be vested in the ASG Senate and the Graduate and Professional Student Congress.

B. The Senate shall represent the interest of undergraduate and law students.

C. The GSC shall represent the interest of graduate and law students.

G. The ASG Budget, ASG Constitutional amendments, ASG Code changes, executive appointments, and ASGJ appointments shall be passed by the vote thresholds as stated in this constitution by both legislative bodies, using a procedure heretofore referred to as ‘Proportional Voting,’ which shall use the following process:

   c. The following formula, using the official University enrollment as outlined in this constitution, shall be enacted for determining the proportion of votes by the Senate and GSC:
i. Graduate and Law student enrollment shall be divided by the total University enrollment. This shall represent the proportion of the vote determined by the GSC, heretofore referred to as the ‘GSC Proportion.’

ii. Undergraduate and Law student enrollment shall be divided by the total University enrollment. This shall represent the proportion of the vote determined by the Senate, heretofore referred to as the ‘Senate Proportion.’

Section 2 – Composition of the Senate

B. Seats in the ASG Senate shall be apportioned according to a college-based model outlined below:

a. Senate seats are apportioned from the following undergraduate colleges: Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences; Fay Jones School of Architecture; J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences; Sam M. Walton College of Business; College of Education and Health Professions; and College of Engineering, as well as the Law School.

b. Each of the seven (7) six (6) enrollment groups listed in (a) above shall be entitled to one (1) Senate seat. The Chair of the Senate shall constitute an eighth (8th) seventh (7th) Senate seat:

c. The class of newly admitted undergraduate or law students shall be entitled to five (5) Senate seats to be filled no later than the end of the fourth (4th) week of classes. The definition of a newly admitted student for both elections and voting qualifications shall be that they are either newly admitted or re-admitted for the fall semester based on the student’s status with the Registrar’s Office;

Section 17 – Duties and Powers of the Graduate Student Congress

A. To address the academic and non-academic concerns of graduate and law students;

Section 7 – Duties and Powers of the Senate

A. To address the academic and non-academic concerns of members by acting as representatives of undergraduate and law students;

Title III. Graduate Student Congress Code

Section 1 – Composition of the Graduate Student Congress

B. Seats in the ASG Graduate Student Congress shall be apportioned according to a college-based model outlined below:

a. Graduate Student Congress seats are apportioned from the following colleges: Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Science;
Graduate School Interdisciplinary Programs; J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences; Sam M. Walton College of Business; College of Buisness; of Education and Health Professions; and the College of Engineering; and the School of Law.

Be it further resolved: That this Bill will be presented to the Student Body as a constitutional referendum during the Spring 2016 General Election.