

SR 20/21-06

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Resolution to Create a Student Government Association Sustainability Liaison

Short Title: A resolution that will create a new position within the Student Government Association of Arkansas State University called the Sustainability Liaison.

Whereas, the constitutional objective of the Student Government Association (SGA) at Arkansas State University (A-State) is to consider *all matters that may concern the general interest of the student body*; and

Whereas, Senator Saucedo conducted an environmental survey in summer of 2019, receiving a total of 154 responses, the results are as follows: 97% believe that protecting the environment is important or very important, and 91% would like to see more positive environmental/sustainable initiatives on campus; and

Whereas, President Kirksey administered a survey in fall semester of 2020 receiving 387 responses, which nearly 92% responded in support of the university taking more measures to become environmentally friendly; and

Whereas, this position's duty is to assist in the fulfilment of the SGA Comprehensive Sustainability Plan (ER 20/21-03); and

Whereas, the Sustainability Liaison will aid in the achievement of A-State's Strategic Plan Goal 5: Improve Campus Culture and Promote Shared Values; subsection 5: to foster a greater commitment to environmental impact and sustainability, i.e., promoting the importance of sustainability initiatives on campus; and

Whereas, the creation of a Sustainability Liaison position will serve as the prime connection between the university administration, Facilities Management personal, Sodexo Staff, the city, and all other involved parties; and

Whereas, this Senate appointed position will be temporary and to be dissolved in the 2023-2024 term upon the completion of the SGA Comprehensive Sustainability Plan, unless the elected Staff and Senate determines the position shall remain.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Arkansas State University Student Government Association shall amend the Constitution Article II, Section 6 to add the position of Sustainability Liaison as a Senate-Appointed Position to further the environmental efforts at Arkansas State University.

Sustainability Liaison shall:

- i. Be a member of the Senate.
- ii. Have also served as a senator or staff member for at least one semester.
- iii. Have completed 30 hours or be in the process of completing 30 hours in the semester in which they were elected.
- iv. Have a monthly meeting with the SGA Staff and Continuation Commissioner appointed Senator.
- v. Report back to the SGA Senate on different sustainability initiatives, progress on the SGA Comprehensive Sustainability Plan, and A-State Strategic Plan.
- vi. Document all meetings, proposals, and policies pertaining to sustainability initiatives.
- vii. Use at their discretion, documents provided by Senator Saucedo, to aid in their efforts to achieve sustainability [said documents hard copy may be found in SGA Office, a digital copy will be provided to the SGA Advisor for records].

Emergency Clause: If passed through the Senate, the student body will need to vote on this. To propose this being on the ballot alongside the 2021/22 Student Government Association election this resolution will need to be voted on in the same meeting as it is presented.

Pass _____

Fail _____

Blake Moore, Vice President

Rashad Kirksey, President