

ER 20/21-03



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Resolution for the University to Implement our Comprehensive Sustainability Plan

Short Title: A resolution for the University to Implement our Comprehensive Sustainability Plan

- 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, our climate is rapidly changing and as an institution of higher education it is crucial that we actively work toward implementing sustainable initiatives to save our planet; and
- Whereas, the A-State Strategic Plan Goal #5 to Improve Campus Culture and Promote Shared Values; subsection 5 is to: foster a greater commitment to environmental impact and sustainability, i.e., promoting the importance of sustainability initiatives on campus; and
- Whereas, the SGA Staff administered a survey in the 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, both the A-State administration and Sodexo Dining Services have committed to implementing the proposed plans within the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan; and
- Whereas, the proposal will be fully implemented by the year 2023 to aid in reaching the goal of the Univeristy's strategic plan by 2025; and

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

Arkansas State University fully implements the attached Comprehensive Sustainability Plan by the year 2023 to ensure our campus is actively engaged in making our university more sustainable and eco-friendly.

Emergency Clause:

If passed through the Senate, this resolution ties directly with SR 20/21-06 which the student body will need to vote on. To ensure that the issue of SR 20/21-06 is on the ballot alongside the 2021/22 SGA general election this resolution will need to be voted on in the same meeting as it is presented.

Pass _____

Fail _____

Blake Moore, Vice President

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Comprehensive Sustainability Plan

A plan to create a more sustainable campus for Arkansas State University by 2023.

- Complete ban of styrofoam on all campus offices and retail dining services, where retail contracts allow
- 50% reductions of plastic use in all campus offices and retail dining services
- Creation of a food recovery program in collaboration with Volunteer A-State to provide unused and safe food to University students through the A-State Food Pantry
- More signage for recycling bins in all campus buildings
- More recycling waste bins in all campus buildings
- Incorporation of campus sustainability in FYE Curriculum and New Student Orientation
- Creation of a University-wide composting system