

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED ACT TO:

Student Government Association Commitment to Campus Safety and Accessibility

Short Title: SGA Campus Safety and Accessibility

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Resolution Number: [F22-06]

First Reading: 11/14/2022 **Second Reading:** 12/5/2022

Referred to: Health and Safety Committee



WHEREAS, Western Carolina University (WCU) states that the university is committed to the safety of all students. According to the Emergency Services webpage, Western Carolina University is committed to creating and maintaining a culture of safety. We strive to foster a supportive and secure environment, where individuals can feel safe to visit, learn, work, and live; and,

WHEREAS, WCU states that they are also committed to creating a campus that is accessible to all individuals, even those with disabilities. This can be seen in the mission statement given by the Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR), which states: "It is our mission to remove barriers and ensure equal access for all qualified students with disabilities."; and,

WHEREAS, it is clear that WCU takes the safety and accessibility of campus very seriously, and this is in no way an attempt to diminish all of the hard work that has been done in the past. However, there is still much work to be done; and,

WHEREAS, upon the completion of SGA's annual Safety and Accessibility Initiative, an event that tours the campus and takes note of any safety or accessibility concerns, it was found that there were numerous safety and accessibility concerns found across the entire campus; and,

Therefore, Be It Resolved That: SGA calls on the administration and all relevant departments across campus to review these potential concerns and to, in order to fulfill the current missions put forth by WCU, address them as quickly and aggressively as possible.

Senate Vote: Aye: _____ Nay: _____ Abstain: _____			
	<u>12/7/22</u>	Passed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed: <input type="checkbox"/>
CJ Mitchell Office of the Student Body Vice President	Date		
	<u>12/18/22</u>	Passed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Veto: <input type="checkbox"/>
Estefany Gordillo-Rivas Office of the Student Body President	Date		