



SCR-81.01

“SafeWalk Resolution”

(Resolution to support the establishment of a student and faculty-led personal safety escort for students using local walkways at night)

- WHEREAS** Campus safety is a needed priority at all colleges and universities, including Oregon State University, where navigability by vehicle is limited, and many students justifiably feel less safe traveling between classes and activities, their residence, or other locations, when required to do so alone or in poorly-lit conditions;
- WHEREAS** A 2018 resolution of the 9th ASOSU Congress (“OSU With You”) outlined the structure of a service to provide a personal safety escort for students in these scenarios, but funding and implementation of this program have failed to materialize since;
- WHEREAS** The 2021-22 ASOSU Student Advisory Board (SAB) has preliminarily voted to advance a \$54,359 Decision Package for the ASOSU unit, which would establish continuing funding for the specific purpose of an “OSU With You/SafeWalk” program (the current operating title contained in the request) to be housed within the preexisting ASOSU SafeRide service;
- WHEREAS** Following the circumstances surrounding the resignation of the OSU President, and a renewed focus on issues affecting survivors and ensuring a safer campus, a petition¹ circulated including “a Safewalk program in tandem with the existing ASOSU Saferide program to bolster availability of preventative services on campus” among its demands, and garnered over one thousand signatures;
- WHEREAS** A program of this nature provides a demonstrably useful resource to the student body, and furthermore shows the capacity of the ASOSU to back priority issues on behalf of students and community members;
- WHEREAS** Regardless of the eventual name or branding of this service, of which several possibilities have been proposed (OSU With You, SafeWalk, Beaver Buddies, etc.), it is clear that an important function stands to be addressed.

Be it hereby resolved by the ASOSU:

The Thirteenth Congress of the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) supports the establishment and funding of a student and faculty-led program to provide personal safety escorts for students at OSU’s Corvallis campus and the nearby area.

This resolution shall be sent to:

Muhammad Aatir “MAK” Khan, ASOSU Student Fee Committee Chair
Kyle Patubo, Interim ASOSU SafeRide Program Coordinator
Julia Ruff, ASOSU SafeRide Program Manager
Leslie Schacht-Drey, Associate Dean of Students

¹ “We Demand Survivor-Centered Reforms at Oregon State University”
<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/we-demand-survivor-centered-reforms-at-oregon-state-university/>

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Lucas Schnell, Speaker (House of Representatives)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Dhru Patel, President

Signature: _____ Date: _____