



UA Little Rock Campus Community:

Recently, Chancellor Drale issued a statement regarding the legislative activity in Arkansas concerning transgender individuals and their families in our state. As the Chancellor notes in the statement, “UA Little Rock is an institution dedicated to providing an inclusive learning and working environment where **everyone** is valued and respected and **everyone** has the support to operate authentically in their identity.”

We must take on an active role in the legislative processes of our state and speak out against demeaning and discriminatory legislation. The Student Government Association (SGA), the representative body of UA Little Rock students, must lead by example. We must create avenues for students to get involved in the legislative process of our state and nation.

Thus, we are pleased to announce the creation of the Trojan Action Group (TAG). TAG will:

1. Work with SGA and university administrators to ensure that government officials at the local, state, and national level are aware of the most important issues to our student body, including legislation that is working its way through the General Assembly or Congress,
2. Present a bi-annual assessment to SGA of the legislation that is poised to directly or indirectly impact college students,
3. Determine if the legislation in question demands action such as calling and/or emailing legislators or speaking in committee sessions, and
4. Be a voice of reason and bipartisanship with an overarching goal of encouraging positive and meaningful political discussions on campus and in the community.

We know that the creation of this group will not heal the damage that numerous members of our community have experienced in recent months, but we do believe that this group will be a powerful voice in the legislative process that may prevent future instances of demeaning and discriminatory legislation.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Trojan Action Group, please contact us at sga@ualr.edu.

Respectfully,

The Student Government Association at UA Little Rock