WCU SGA Student Government Association

Senate Resolution ___

Presented to the Senate floor on: 10/25

Authored by: T. Douglas Bridges

Co-Authored By:

Introduced by: T. Douglas Bridges

Committee Referred to:

AN SGA Senate Resolution in support of: Amending current campus policy concerning longboarding

**Background:** Skateboarding is currently not allowed as a form of transportation at WCU due to the possible damages to property through grinding, however due to the structure and purpose of a longboard these possible damages are not physically possible. Longboarding is defined as a skateboard meant for speedboarding, transportation, slalom, carving, sliding, boardwalking, racing of any other kind. Longboards are not necessarily longer than freestyle skateboards. There are longboards from 22" to 103" and probably outside of that range as well. A typical longboard is 44" long, 9.5" wide with a 28" wheelbase, has 70x45mm 80a wheels, is bent upward (camber) and is flexible with a 5 ply maple deck with fiberglass cloth epoxied onto the deck under the griptape, has a rear kicktail but no nose, has 180mm reverse-kingpin trucks with soft that bushings that allow a 7' turning radius

**Whereas,** biking and roller skates are both currently acceptable forms of transportation and,

**Whereas,** longboarding serves some students as a means of transportation and,

**Whereas,** longboarding is not specifically banned by the University and,

**Whereas,** oversight will be taken into consideration, and violators of policy will be held responsible to the University in a hearing and,

**Whereas,** skaters must be responsible in consideration of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Reckless operation, whereby the rider upholds no concern for the safety of others, constitutes a violation of acceptable skateboard use. Those who continue to violate such policy will be deemed liable to policy enforcement in which actions by the university will be taken including, fines, and/or the board being temporarily confiscated for possible use in a University hearing. These violations will be deemed the same as those for skateboarding infringements.

Therefore Be It Resolved That SGA is in favor of: Amending current policy concerning skateboarding so that longboarding be deemed an acceptable form of transportation

---

Vote: In Favor: ___ Names:

Opposed: ___ Names:

Abstentions: ___ Names:

Finance: Appropriation: