

SENATE RESOLUTION
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TITLE	Repeal Scooter Ban on Campus

Background

During the 2018-2019 school year, UCR administration cracked down on the use of Unlicensed Motorized Scooters, or UMS. At the time, usage of scooters through companies like Lime and Bird was popular in and around campus, cutting commuter times and generating local revenue for the surrounding communities. During the first 3 months of operating scooters on campus at UCR, Bird counted [90,000 rides from their fleet](#). In an Inside UCR story published in August 2019, the author Imran Ghori notes the current campus policy, [#450-24, which bans usage of UMS's, with the only exception given to individuals who are mobility impaired](#). As we return back to in-person, we must review this policy and help students access all parts of our campus, no matter how far!

WHEREAS, electric scooters help [generate local revenue for the surrounding communities](#). When a scooter runs out of electricity, the company offers compensation for those who pick up the scooter and charge at their home. Users can earn an average of \$8 per scooter being charged, which helps those looking to make extra money as well as independent contractors in and around the region.

WHEREAS, Highlanders face longer than average commute times between classes, as the UCR Campus [spans a whopping 1200 acres](#). Allowing scooters back on campus would help students move from class to class much faster than by walking.

WHEREAS, purchasing a scooter for personal use can be quite costly, with the newest models going for at least \$200. By allowing these companies to re-enter the market, rides can be purchased for around \$1 per minute, making scooter rental the most efficient.

WHEREAS, UCR students and employees continue to flout the ban, by riding their personal motorized vehicle with or without a helmet. By repealing the ban, school administration could instead focus work on encouraging or requiring helmets and any other safety measures for the riders themselves. As of current, if a student is caught operating a UMS anywhere on campus, they are to be [referred to Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs](#)

(SCAIP), where they could eventually be penalized, or possibly expelled. Repealing this ban would promote UCR's willingness to adapt to the changing economic activity in the Riverside area, and help spur innovation and reduce pollution.

RESOLVED, That The Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) *Let it be resolved, ASUCR and UC Riverside support a review of Campus Policy #450-24.*
- (2) *Let it be further resolved, ASUCR highlights the importance of safety when riding personal vehicles in and around campus on social media.*
- (3) *Let it be further resolved that UC Riverside advertise the repeal of the ban to electric scooter companies previously on campus.*
- (4) *Let it be further resolved that Transportation and Parking Services consider racks for storing scooters outside popular locations, just like bike racks.*

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