A Resolution to Continue to Support the Inclusion of a Mental Health Statement on Course Syllabi

Mario Belfiglio (for himself, Michael Arato, Sarah Souders, Braden Poe, and Emily Underation), introduced the following resolution directly to the floor.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas one in four young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 have a diagnosable mental illness¹ (National Alliance on Mental Illness), and

Whereas The Ohio State University Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) provides a multitude of resources designed to prevent and treat mental illness, and

Whereas professors from all academic departments distribute course syllabi to their students, and

Whereas including a mental health statement on all course syllabi referring students to campus counseling resources will increase awareness of contact information regarding treatment for student mental health related issues;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government recommends that all Ohio State University campuses encourage every academic department to include a statement on their course syllabi informing students of the counseling and consultation services available to them.

Floor Vote: Passed by unanimous consent

Abby Grossman
President

Abby Waidelich
Vice President

Date Adopted: October 7, 2015

¹ Mental illnesses refer to disorders generally characterized by dysregulation of mood, thought, and/or behavior, as recognized by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, 4th edition, of the American Psychiatric Association (DSM-IV).