A Resolution to Support the Inclusion of Sexual Violence Resources on Course Syllabi

Varsha Challapally (for herself, Emmy Wydman, Emily Underation, Mario Belfiglio, Braden Poe, and Andrew Jackson) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee where it passed.

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

Whereas sexual violence is a significant concern at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are survivors of completed or attempted sexual assault while in college,\(^1\) and

Whereas 1 in 3 survivors of sexual assault transfer, or dropout, of their universities,\(^1\) and

Whereas many students are unaware of the sexual violence resources offered to them at Ohio State as well as where they would go to obtain those resources,\(^2\) and

Whereas all courses offered at The Ohio State University are required to have a syllabus,\(^3\) and

Whereas course syllabi contain a plethora of valuable information and university resources for students to utilize, and

Whereas all instructors are encouraged to include a statement outlining the mental health services available to students on their course syllabi including information regarding the Office of Student Life Counseling and Consultation Services,\(^3\) as advocated for by USG with 47-R-13 A Resolution to Support the Inclusion of a Mental Health Statement;\(^4\)

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages instructors to include a statement on their course syllabi outlining the sexual violence resources offered to students by The Ohio State University, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the sexual violence resources outlined in the syllabi include the Sexual Violence Resource Wheel as administered by the Office of Student Life’s Sexual Civility and Empowerment.\(^5\)

\(^{1}\) [http://haven.gwu.edu/sexual-assault](http://haven.gwu.edu/sexual-assault)


\(^{3}\) [http://ugeducation.osu.edu/syllabus.shtml](http://ugeducation.osu.edu/syllabus.shtml)

\(^{4}\) [https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_HLbelGjMYpOW9DND1vemdUeFE&usp=sharing&tid=0B_HLbelGjMYpNDB1eVdwcHBtLTA](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_HLbelGjMYpOW9DND1vemdUeFE&usp=sharing&tid=0B_HLbelGjMYpNDB1eVdwcHBtLTA)

\(^{5}\) [http://sce.osu.edu/get-help](http://sce.osu.edu/get-help)
Let it Further be Resolved that a clause explaining the mandatory reporting obligation of all University employees should also be included on the course syllabi directly below the sexual violence resource wheel.

Floor Vote: PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Abby Grossman
President

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Vice President

Date Adopted: January 27, 2016

Date Terminated: ________________