

**A Resolution to Increase the Efficacy of the GE Launch Seminar**

Christopher Cade (for themselves, Vaidehi More, and Armaan Chaudhary) introduced the following resolution to the Academic Affairs Committee where it passed. Then, to the Steering Committee where it passed/failed, and to the floor where it passed/failed.

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

**Whereas** the Launch seminar was introduced as part of the <sup>1</sup>new General Education (GE) curriculum with the intention of setting students up for success by helping them reflect on their first year experience, plans for academic growth, and helping students see value in new experiences; and

**Whereas** many students have expressed concerns that the content of the Launch seminar overlaps significantly with their colleges survey courses resulting in a feeling that the instructional material is redundant and does not enhance their learning experience; and

**Whereas** student feedback has highlighted that assignments within the Launch seminar often feel like "busy work," lacking clear purpose or meaningful connection to their academic or professional goals; and

**Whereas** after meetings with University Administrators, it has been acknowledged that the current structure of the Launch seminar does not connect with students, thus not achieving its intended impact; and

**Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government urges the university to reform the Launch seminar to ensure that it provides distinct and valuable content for students; and

**Let it Further Be Resolved** that assignments within the Launch seminar should be restructured to clearly demonstrate their purpose and relevance, focusing on meaningful activities that support students' personal and professional development; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ugeducation.osu.edu/general-education-ohio-state>

**Let it Finally Be Resolved** that the University continue to solicit student feedback and assess said feedback, altering the course as needed, to ensure the seminar evolves to effectively meet the changing needs of the students.

Floor Vote: Aye: 27 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 27

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Bobby McAlpine  
President

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George Bernard  
Speaker of the 57<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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