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A Resolution to Recommend The Inclusion of Mental Health Resources on Syllabi

Olivia Schaffer (for herself, Abigail Berk, and Delaney Durham) introduced the following legislation to the Steering Committee, where it passed, and then, to the floor, where it passed.

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

Whereas The University Senate passed a resolution to recommend the inclusion of a mental health statement on course syllabi in 2016¹, and

Whereas the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that 18.9% of all U.S. adults suffer from a mental illness², and

Whereas mental illness is more prevalent in young adults, yet young adults receive fewer mental health services, and

Whereas the Office of Student Life recognizes the increased need for mental health services, and

Whereas The Ohio State University Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) provides many services and resources to prevent and treat mental illness, and

Whereas The Office of Academic Affairs requires all faculty at The Ohio State University to distribute course syllabi to their students, and

Whereas The Ohio State University advises all faculty members to include syllabi statements that address academic misconduct and disability services, and

Whereas course syllabi are a form of communication that reach nearly every student, and

Whereas unaddressed mental health concerns can harm a student's classroom performance, academic progress, and general wellbeing, and

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government recommends that all instructors include a mental health statement and additional resources on course syllabi, similar to the example found in Appendix A.

Floor Vote: Passed with General Consent



Roaya Higazi
President

Date Adopted: June 22, 2020



Nathan Rush
Speaker of the Senate

¹https://senate.osu.edu/sites/default/files/links_files/MentalHealthWhereas.pdf

²<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/mental-illness.shtml>