



# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## *Student Government Association*

### **Resolution 30-03**

#### **A Resolution Encouraging the Promotion of the Existing Medical Amnesty Policy as it Applies to Victims of and Witnesses to Sexual Misconduct**

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WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2016, and as a joint effort between the UGA Student Government Association and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the University of Georgia changed its Responsible Action Protocol by granting amnesty from drug or alcohol-specific Code of Conduct violations to any students that overdose on drugs or alcohol and to anyone who reports a drug or alcohol-related overdose to medical and law enforcement officials; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia encourages victims of and witnesses to sexual misconduct to contact the police and/or other resources on campus; and,

WHEREAS, victims of and witnesses to sexual misconduct who are illegally under the influence of alcohol or drugs might be discouraged to report an assault due to fear of legal and disciplinary action by police and/or the university as an inadvertent consequence of notifying authorities of abuse and assault; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia Code of Conduct Article VI, Section “Reporting Parties,” Sub-Section 3 “Amnesty” states, “If an individual, voluntarily and in good faith, reports their use of alcohol or drugs, or the use by others, prior to or during [a student misconduct] investigation, such information will not be used against any individual in a disciplinary proceeding and will not be voluntarily reported to law enforcement.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 30<sup>th</sup> administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, in an effort to encourage victims to report instances of sexual assault and misconduct, encourages the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs to include language in the Responsible Action Protocol and on the UGA Safe and Secure Report website that emphasizes existing amnesty from alcohol or drug-related Code of Conduct violations for victims of or witnesses to any and all forms of sexual misconduct.

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