A Resolution Requesting the Posting of Syllabi by Teaching Faculty

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WHEREAS, a course syllabus outlines relevant information including, but not limited to: course content emphasis, relevant assignment, and scheduled test dates; and,

WHEREAS, students at the University of Georgia consider various factors when considering which classes to take including, but not limited to: schedule, overlaps among exams and extracurriculars, and content emphasized by individual professors; and,

WHEREAS, professors are made aware of which courses they will teach well in advance before the first day of add/drop week; and,

WHEREAS, add/drop week is currently the first five class days of a semester during which students finalize their schedules; and,

WHEREAS, there is no effective rule requiring professors to have syllabi finalized by the start of add/drop week; and,

WHEREAS, the 29th Student Government Association of the University of Georgia passed Resolution 29-17 requesting updated syllabi of First-Year Odyssey Seminars be posted before of the first day of classes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends professors be obligated to have finalized copies of their syllabi two weeks before the first day of classes of a semester; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, all syllabi shall be posted to the existing University of Georgia Syllabus System1 one week before the first day of classes of a semester.

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1 Syllabus System, University of Georgia, syllabus.uga.edu/.