



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 31-24

Resolution Regarding A Potential International and Domestic Student Partner Program: “Global Buddies”

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WHEREAS, the University of Georgia houses approximately 2,000 international students and approximately 36,000 domestic students; and,

WHEREAS, of these 2,000 international students, there is a common feeling of exclusion and disconnect from their American counterparts; and,

WHEREAS, these feelings lead to division within the campus community and further the lack of cultural adaptability between the two groups of students; and,

WHEREAS, the university does not provide a bridge for this gap between international and domestic students that allows for relationships and learning outcomes to foster.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends that International Student Life within the Office of Global Engagement create a pairing program that matches willing international students with willing domestic students; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this potential, or pilot, program would be called “Global Buddies” and would foster new relationships among students, encourage open dialogue between students of different cultural, ethnic, and national backgrounds, strengthen the UGA student community, and reinforce the connection between international and domestic students; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, after the collection of positive data through an upcoming survey sent out by International Student Life, the potential “Global Buddies” program would debut in Fall 2019. If the program proves effective, it would continue the following semester and become a sustainable avenue for connecting international and domestic students for years to come.



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