

Resolution 30-XX

A Resolution to Increase Access to and Awareness of the Office of Student Care and Outreach's "Report A Concern Button"

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WHEREAS, 49.5% of college students reported feeling hopeless in the last year, and Two-thirds of college students struggling with mental illness do not seek help from any campus or community resources; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 12 college students makes a suicide plan, suicide is the number 2 cause of death in people ages 15-34, and 1 in 4 college students has a diagnosable mental illness; and

WHEREAS, at any given time, 22-30% of college students are in the first 12 months of grieving the death of a family member or friend, and countless other students experience hardship during their college career; and

WHEREAS, many college students are not aware of the resources available to them on campus OR are aware of who to talk to if they are concerned about a friend, roommate, or classmate's well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Student Care and Outreach serves to, "Coordinate care and assistance for all students, undergraduate and graduate, which experience complex, hardship, and/or unforeseen circumstances, by providing individualized assistance and tailored interventions," and the Office of Student Care and Outreach helps students by creating a network of support, notifying instructors of student hardships, and by referring students to campus resources; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Student Care and Outreach's "Report a Concern" Button allows the office to understand concerns related to students, provide students with any needed resources, and informs a university-based office of a concern with one of their students. This allows the Office of Student Care and Outreach to provide greater care and help improve students' well-being; and

WHEREAS, the "Report a Concern" Button can be utilized by any student, faculty, staff, parent, or community member who has a concern about a student or themselves, BUT the only place to access the "Report a Concern" Button is on the Office of Student Care and Outreach webpage; and

WHEREAS, with greater awareness and access, the Office of Student Care and Outreach and their "Report a Concern" Button can help increase student health and well-being, while creating a greater community of support at the University of Georgia; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Georgia Student Government Association will add the “Report a Concern” Button to the homepage of the UGA App and create a social media campaign to raise awareness of this important campus resource; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Georgia Student Government Association recommends that the University Health Center, campus mental health clinics, and University as a whole add the “Report a Concern” button to their homepages and/or any additional webpages where a student, faculty, staff, or community member may search while looking for resources for themselves, a student, classmate, or friend.

CITATIONS:

<http://college.usatoday.com/2016/01/30/mental-health-by-the-numbers/>

<http://www.csc.edu/bit/resources/statistics/>

<http://oregonstate.edu/senate/committees/aac/min/2012/1212/Grieving.pdf>

<http://sco.uga.edu/sco/mission>