Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Resolution No. 7

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A Resolution to Advocate for CAPS Information on Syllabi

Whereas, Mental Health issues are prevalent at the University of Arkansas and college campuses,

Whereas, Mental Health Issues such as depression and anxiety are leading impediments to academic success,

Whereas, The mental health of students is something the University of Arkansas community seeks to prioritize, evidenced by their support of Pat Walker Health Center’s Counseling and Psychological Service (CAPS),

Whereas, CAPS is dedicated to providing the necessary resources and services to benefit the mental health of students,

Whereas, Lack of awareness of resources available and misinformation about how to access those resources has been, and continues to be, a significant barrier to care,

Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected mental health for many students and has caused barriers for students already suffering from mental health while inhibiting the ability for CAPS to utilize conventional means of advertisement, such as on-campus promotional materials,

Whereas, All University of Arkansas syllabi already contain relevant information related to inclement weather policies, academic integrity, and ADA accommodations,

Whereas, Students receive a syllabi for every class taken at the University, and adding CAPS information to syllabi would require no cost for CAPS or the University, and ensure that every student is presented with these resources,
Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government Senate encourages the University of Arkansas Senate Faculty to pass legislation mandating that University of Arkansas instructors add a CAPS section to their syllabi to be discussed during syllabus week, along with other safety precautions.

Be it further resolved: That the Associated Student Government Senate supports the CAPS syllabi statement reading, as has already been approved by CAPS, "We here at the University of Arkansas CAPS care about your wellbeing. Never hesitate to reach out and get the help you need. CAPS services are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Emergency services are available after hours 365 days per year. For appointments or other questions, call 479-575-5276. You can also visit the CAPS website for a comprehensive summary of Group therapy, Workshops, and “Let’s talk” programs available.”

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Dr. Stephen Caldwell, the Chair of Faculty Senate.

Amendments: ______________________________

Vote Count: Aye _________ Nay _________ Abstentions ________

Legislation Status: Passed ______ Failed ______ Other ________

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Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Julia Nall, ASG President Date