PURDUE STUDENT SENATE
RESOLUTION 15-45
"Recommendation for Increased Mental Health Funding"

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Recommendations:
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Action:
President Pro Tempore: Renner Winston
Student Senate President: Rebecca Wilmoth
Student Body President: Mike Young

Whereas, the Purdue Student Government Committee on Mental Health has been investigating the need for increased mental resources and options for obtaining those over the past five months, and

Whereas, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides much needed resources to available to all students, but is currently vastly underfunded, and

Whereas, the lack of funding inhibits students from fully utilizing these services and getting the most out of their current fees, and

Whereas, the demand for mental health resources at Purdue has gone up an average of 15% each of the past two years and is projected to continue rising as more students are entering Purdue every year, more are needing mental health resources, and stigmas are beginning to be overcome, and

Whereas, after compiling data from and having conversations with students, faculty, and administrators, the PSG Committee on Mental Health compiled and attached a comprehensive report on the need for more resources and the available means to obtain those;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that Purdue Student Government adopts the attached report as its official stance on mental health services at Purdue, and encourages the University to take action to increase mental health funding.

Therefore, be it further RESOLVED that Purdue Student Government recommends that the University Senate address the matter and support the attached report.

Therefore, be it further RESOLVED that Purdue Student Government encourages Purdue Graduate Student Government to address the matter, provide feedback, and show support, seeing as mental health resources also impact graduate students.

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