TO: Purdue University Senate
FROM: Russell Jones, Chair, Student Affairs Committee
SUBJECT: Mental Health Awareness
DISPOSITION: For Discussion

WHEREAS, mental health awareness has been a major initiative within Purdue Student Government over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan’s student government passed and then successfully implemented a resolution encouraging professors to include CAPS information, such as where CAPS is located and the CAPS phone number; and

WHEREAS, this concept has been endorsed by the Student Body President of the University of Michigan, David Schafer; and

WHEREAS, this concept has also been endorsed by the University of Michigan CAPS Director, Dr. Todd Sevig; and

WHEREAS, faculty concerns about students’ mental health can be alleviated as students are more efficiently made aware of resources available to them, subsequently increasing student performance and contributions in the classroom by improving mental wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, providing information about CAPS is significant in encouraging the utilization of expanded and improved mental health services; and

WHEREAS, when implemented this resolution would increase the student body’s awareness of Purdue’s Counseling and Psychological Services and improve the subjective well-being of the Purdue community overall;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED,

that Purdue University Senate encourages faculty to include information about CAPS on their syllabi; and

that this information is recommended to appear as such:

“Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

Purdue University is committed to advancing the mental health and wellbeing of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available. For help, such individual should contact Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at (765)494-6995 and http://www.purdue.edu/caps/ during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or through its counselors physically located in the Purdue University Student Health Center (PUSH) during business hours.”
Sincerely,
Russell Jones, Chair
Student Affairs Committee

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