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Health Services & Counseling Services Psychiatrist Resolution

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Government Association Senate to represent the concerns of the student body; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of University Health Services is to help students by promoting overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Counseling Services & Wellness Programs is to empower the students of Samford University to realize their academic and personal potential by promoting psychological, social, and spiritual wellness through individual counseling and outreach programming; and

WHEREAS, a psychiatrist is “a medical doctor (M.D. or D.O.) who specializes in preventing, diagnosing, and treating mental illness” (WebMD); and

WHEREAS, a psychiatrist could help support psychological wellness; and

WHEREAS, Samford does not currently employ a psychiatrist; and

WHEREAS, Counseling Services is intended to help students on a temporary basis, or until they find a permanent specialist in Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for students and faculty to speak with a licensed psychiatrist on campus who could help them until they can find a psychiatrist in Birmingham;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Student Government of Samford University supports the hiring of a psychiatrist, full-time or part-time, to work in the University Health Services and to partner with the current faculty in the Counseling Services & Wellness Programs to promote psychological well-being.


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