WHEREAS, the Texas State Legislature does not provide for a substance abuse prevention and treatment statement in syllabi.

WHEREAS, sixty percent of college students aged 18-22 consumed alcohol in the past month, with two out of three engaging in binge drinking in the past month (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2015).

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas is well equipped to assist students with substance abuse issues through resources such as the Substance Abuse Resource Center, the UNT Collegiate Recovery Program, Eagle Peer Recovery, and Recovery Housing, among others.

WHEREAS, every student of UNT is enrolled in a class, therefore every student receives a syllabus.

WHEREAS, the addition of language that informs students of resources to cope with substance use issues can lead to higher quality of life outcomes for students and achieving the Collegiate Recovery Program’s objectives for a substance-free and responsible-use campus climate.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the following language be added to course syllabi: “UNT is committed to creating an environment that encourages responsible use and recovery from substance use issues. Substance use issues can take many forms, and UNT has confidential resources to help you such as the Substance Abuse Resource Center (SARC) and the Collegiate Recovery Program. If you or someone you know is experiencing a substance use problem, you can contact SARC at sarc@unt.edu and the Collegiate Recovery Program at 940-369-5358, recovery@unt.edu or find more information about our resources at www.speakout.unt.edu.”

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this bill be sent to the University President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate Student Council, Dean of Students, Substance Abuse Educator Coordinator, and the Coordinator of the Collegiate Recovery Program.

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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

Speaker of the Senate

Presidential Action:

☑ Approved

President of the Student Government Association

Date 11/30/2018

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date 1.9.2019

Reference: