S2019-R7 – Harm Reduction and Education

WHEREAS, UNT requires incoming students to take an online harm reduction course on techniques that will decrease the likelihood of death, alcohol poisoning, and other harms associated with alcohol use.

WHEREAS, residence life at UNT puts up posters beginning to educate students on doseage, side effects, and legal status of various substances.

WHEREAS, harm reduction reduces the personal and public safety risk associated with substance use.

WHEREAS, institutionally supported education and outreach campaigns have substantially lowered tobacco use among the general population.

WHEREAS, SGA already passed a resolution to add a statement providing information about SURE to students in syllabi. (F2018 - R3 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Syllabi Statement)

WHEREAS, the SURE center at UNT website states that it will “use research-backed evidence to provide both individual and group level education regarding drugs and alcohol. The services employed by SURE will encourage healthy decision-making skills and personal responsibility, in an effort to reduce the harmful effects of substance use.”

LET IT BE RESOLVED, UNT SGA urges UNT to adopt the same harm reduction and education-centered approach to student substance use as the Substance Use Resource and Education Center.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, UNT SGA encourages UNT to consult medical, substance use, and harm reduction experts to form a plan to educate incoming students on harm reduction strategies for substances repeatedly found among UNT students. We also encourage UNT to continue expanding research-backed education about the unique harm each substance can cause.
Respectfully Submitted,
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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

President of the Student Government Association

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date

04-29-2019

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5/20/19

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