



## **SUUSA S.B. 006**

### **Bill: Student Resource Text Message Services**

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**WHEREAS:** The Southern Utah University Student Association recognizes that the Southern Utah University campus lacks instantaneous mental health assistance for students.

**WHEREAS:** The Southern Utah University Student Association wishes to continue to support and advocate for every students' mental health.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:** The Southern Utah University I.T department and Dr. Eric Kirby, the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, will be creating a text message system. This system will send automated messages to every student on campus 2-3 times a week asking questions ranging from their financial situation to their mental health and any other questions deemed fit depending on the needs of the majority of students.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:** The feedback received by students will be put into a document and automatically sent to the appropriate resources on campus. The feedback sent to these resources can be used for proactive outreach to students.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:** Southern Utah University will hire 2 students starting the first week of November. These student workers will be provided office space and hours in which they can reply anonymously to messages sent to the resource number. The students will be paid an hourly rate of \$8, working a total of 15 hours a week.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Southern Utah University Student Association will fund the pay of these students with a total of \$2000 for the fall semester.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:** Dr. Eric Kirby will be conducting the hiring process which will consist of FERPA, diversity, pronoun, academic, and resource training.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: The Southern Utah University Student Association acknowledges that if there is a positive impact on students' mental health during the fall semester, there will be consideration regarding the provision of more funding in the spring semester to hire these students.

**Student Body President, Nouman Kante:** \_\_\_\_\_