

Resolution on Campus-wide Mental Health, Wellness, and Resilience

Whereas, health encompasses both the body and the mind.

Whereas, James Madison University's (JMU) mission statement states that "we are a community committed to preparing students to be educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives."

Whereas, JMU seeks to be the change and the model of an engaged university.

Whereas, suicide is the second leading cause of death for U.S. college-aged youth.

Whereas, JMU lacks a crisis response plan in the event of a suicide within the university community.

Be it resolved that the faculty of JMU stand with the student petition for an increase in counseling staff within the Counseling Center and increased funding for the Counseling Center.

Be it resolved that JMU faculty support the initiation of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's *After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools* (with pertinent modifications), which outlines a crisis response plan, guidance on helping students cope, guidance for working with the community, and the media among other crisis tools for campus administrators.

Be it resolved that we support a campus-wide effort to talk about mental health amongst faculty and students and to Be the Change among college campuses as a supportive learning environment that encourages mental wellness and resiliency and provides support as needed, including increased funding for the Counseling Center to allow for competitive compensation.