

Resolution Calling for Student Union’s Support of the Designated Bears Sober Driver Program

WHEREAS, Washington University in St. Louis values the safety of its students and the greater St. Louis community;

WHEREAS, the Student Union of Washington University in St. Louis has a responsibility to promote the safety and well-being of the students it represents;

WHEREAS, the Student Union recognizes that some students at Washington University in St. Louis engage in risky and potentially fatal behavior by driving under the influence of alcohol or other substances;

WHEREAS, the Designated Bears Sober Driver Program (D-Bears) offers a safe, accessible, and non-judgmental ride home to any student, including those who would otherwise drive under the influence;

WHEREAS, D-Bears would complement other university initiatives to raise alcohol awareness among students, such as *AlcoholEdu for College*, “Just the Facts,” and CHEERS;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Union recognizes the value of a safe alternative to driving under the influence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Union supports the mission of D-Bears to provide safe transportation home and to minimize the occurrences of drinking and driving in our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Union urges the Student Union Treasurer and the University Administration to provide the necessary funding and support required to launch a D-Bears pilot program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Union urges the D-Bears program to pursue official student group recognition from the Student Group Activities Committee or the Student Union Executive Branch after the duration of the pilot program to receive subsequent funding.

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