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MANDATE

Mental Health Training

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Student Senate notes:

Negative mental health and mental health conditions are a significant and serious issue for students. It is incredibly important that elected representatives be trained in case a situation arises that they have to assist with.

Student Senate further notes:

Currently the only officer who receives mental health as part of their initial training is the VP Welfare & Equality, however other officers have the ability to access such training

Student Senate continues to note:

In many circumstances, the first point of protocol is the VP Welfare & Equality, however all elected representatives should receive such training to feel comfortable in such a situation.

Student Senate acknowledges:

Training in the area of Mental Health can be costly however most training are provided by USI.

Student Senate therefore mandates:

MSU President and VP Welfare & Equality to ensure that all members of the Executive are offered at least one of the following training at the earliest opportunity in their term of office:

1. Safetalk
2. ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)
3. Any mental health training the VP Welfare & Equality deems acceptable (Including Self Care)

Student Senate further mandates:

The MSU President, VP Welfare & Equality and the VP Education to provide senators and academic representatives with some form of Mental Health training (this is inclusive of Self-Care training).

This motion repeals the mandate “Mental Health training for Members of the MSU Executive”