

## Suicide Prevention Hotline & Domestic Violence Hotline Resolution: 20-21-17

**Whereas**: the core Jesuit values of USF call for *cura personalis*, or 'care for the entire person' includes the health and physical wellbeing of students<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas:** A student suffering from extreme emotional distress is unlikely to take the time to deliberately seek out resources.

Whereas: It cannot always be predicted when a mental health crisis will occur, as they might occur suddenly and without warning.

**Whereas:** It is likely it will not be between 9am and 5pm, as students have demanding and time intensive schedules.

**Whereas:** One in four college students will struggle with a diagnosable mental illness this year, and every year, 1,100 college students die by suicide.

**Whereas**: the outbreak of COVID-19 has demonstrated severely harmful effects on the mental health and well-being of students.

**Whereas:** One in three adolescents is a victim of some form of abuse from a dating partner in their lifetimes. This type of abuse can be physical, verbal, or sexual.

**Whereas:** 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner, including a range of behaviors (e.g. slapping, shoving, pushing) and in some cases might not be considered "domestic violence".

**Whereas:** USF has a responsibility to protect and encourage the well-being of its students (Cura Personalis) and having a crisis line readily available demonstrates their commitment to care.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From: <a href="https://www.usfca.edu/about-usf/who-we-are/vision-mission">https://www.usfca.edu/about-usf/who-we-are/vision-mission</a>

Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate in its role as the sole representative body of all the undergraduates students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted:

**Resolved:** That all university professors include and explicitly label the 24/7 suicide hotline (1-800-273-8255) and 24/7 domestic violence hotline (1-800-787-3224) in their class syllabi.

**Resolved:** The University of San Francisco thoroughly and extensively explore additional ways to ensure and maximize student awareness of the variety of mental-health resources available both on and off campus.

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