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In Favor of Multi-Faith Prayer Space

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Whereas, *The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) represents the concerns of the students attending the campus in matters of a University-wide nature, as well as those issues impacting the combined interests of the campuses, and...*

Whereas, *The first amendment of the United States Constitution protects the free exercise and establishment of religion. Therefore, any religion of choice may be ethically practiced in various spaces during various times to an extent in which is deemed proper by said religion, and...*

Whereas, Pennsylvania State University students, leaders and representatives should hold true to these values in allowance to not only abide by, but support these truths. Due to the religiously diverse student body of the Pennsylvania State University, it is imperative that acknowledgement is given towards students' religion and religious necessities, and...

Whereas, Ensuring equitable treatment towards each religious practice is necessary. For no Pennsylvania State University student should be deprived and or subjected to lack of expressed religion while on campus, and...

Whereas, By providing a multi-faith designate space, students will have the opportunity to exercise their religious necessity of prayer while on any Pennsylvania State University campus. Furthermore, the emplacement of a multi-faith prayer space further creates acknowledgment, support, and equity amongst students and campuses.

Be it resolved, The Council of Commonwealth Student Government at The Pennsylvania State University formally recommends the reservation of at least one multi-faith prayer space(s) per campus in which students may use at their discretion for prayer and any accompanying practice.

Be it further resolved, The Council of Commonwealth Student Government at the Pennsylvania State University recommends upkeep maintenance of the multi-faith prayer space(s), in order to create a healthy and welcoming environment that allows students to execute their first amendment right, and religious necessity of prayer.

Respectfully,

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Council Action

Vote 34 : 0 : 0 Pass: X Fail: Postponed:

Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: Date: 02/06/2023

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References

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