

By-Law Code and Name

Code: 2020.2021.01.MHWC
Name: Establishment of the Mental Health and Wellbeing
Committee

Reason for By-Law

This By-Law creates the Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee. The purpose of this committee is to monitor and address the mental health and wellbeing needs of graduate and professional students and postdocs in the University of Kentucky. This committee will work with other committees in the GSC and organizations around campus (e.g., UK Counseling Center) to find information, organize events, and develop programming related to mental health and wellbeing in graduate school. This committee also oversees the planning and execution of Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) in October.

By-Law Language

Section I: Mental Health & Wellbeing Committee

- 1: This By-Law creates a committee known as the "Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee".
- 2: By-Laws submitted by this committee shall be marked with the code "MHWC".
- 3: This committee shall strive to maintain a membership representative of the diverse backgrounds present in the general membership of graduate and professional students and postdocs at the University of Kentucky.
- 4: This committee shall listen to and address the mental health and wellbeing concerns of graduate and professional students and postdocs at the University of Kentucky.
- 5: This committee shall educate university administrators and graduate faculty on the importance of graduate and professional students' and postdocs' mental health and wellbeing on campus.

- 6: This committee shall monitor issues regarding graduate and professional students' and postdocs' mental health and wellbeing and communicate any relevant information back to the GSC.
- 7: This committee will directly report to the Chief of Staff and Operations.
- 8: The chair of this committee shall maintain and develop online resources for mental health and wellbeing.
- 9: This committee is responsible for organizing Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) in October.
- 10: This committee is responsible for organizing events and developing programming to support graduate and professional students' and postdocs' mental health and wellbeing.
- 11: This committee shall collaborate with the Counseling Center, Graduate School, and other organizations around campus to promote graduate and professional students' and postdocs' mental health and wellbeing, and when needed organize events and develop programming to support graduate and professional students' and postdocs' mental health and wellbeing.

Section II: Formatting of a By-Law

- 1: This By-Law shall remain in effect indefinitely or until a future By-Law explicitly replaces this By-Law.