Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill. 19-20, XX*}

An Act to Medical Ethics Discussion Panel

Introduced By: Senator Chase McAdams of the Senior Class Council and considered of this day in the Year 2019

Sponsored By: Chanel Lee
Kahmil Shajihan

Referred to the Senate by the **Committee on Finance** which recommends its passing by a vote of 6 to 0 with 0 abstentions.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Medical Ethics Discussion Panel Funding Bill."

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

a. SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
b. JHU, Hopkins - The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to the Johns Hopkins University.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

a. FINDINGS

a. The primary purpose of the Medical Ethics Discussion Panel (MED Panel) is to foster discussion of current medical ethics issues and changing healthcare policies while encouraging students to articulate their thoughts on sensitive topics.

b. We believe that individuals' opinions on medical ethics, policies, and reforms cannot be developed overnight. We understand how many pre-professional students (including ourselves) struggle to formulate and articulately express opinions on various medical ethics and policy issues, a skill paramount for any successful interview, and for any healthcare professional. By providing a space and opportunity for students to discuss their opinions about an ethics case in a casual environment, we hope to make our members more informed and prepared for engaging in healthcare-related conversations. Meetings are held every month, 1 hour each with free food (~ 4 meetings/semester). Some of the past topics we have discussed include the Ethics of Organ Transplantation, End of Life Care, Ebola, Zika Virus, Modern Medical Paternalism, Genetic Engineering and Designer Babies, Defensive Medicine, and Universal Health Care.

c. In the past few years, we have begun hosting talks once a semester featuring an expert from the Berman Institute of Bioethics. Previous talks have included discussions on the opioid crisis, activism in medicine, and ethical distribution of drugs during a shortage. We hope to continue expanding this program to engage more students with field experts.

d. This year, we hope to continue to expand our Berman Speaker Series. Our program aims to foster an effective platform for students to freely discuss controversial issues in bioethics and medicine with experts. We seek to have faculty members enlight individuals about different bioethics topics, followed by round-table discussions. There will be multiple speakers, each discussing a different bioethical issue. Each faculty member will introduce their area of expertise and a few controversial discussion questions, which will then be followed by open, round-table discussions in subgroups. This program will provide a unique opportunity for students to learn about different topics from experts and engage in meaningful discussion about prevalent medical and bioethical issues through round-table discussions.

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b. PURPOSES

To fund Medical Ethics Discussion Panel’s Berman Speaker Series Event.

SECTION 4. Funding

a. The SGA shall approve the following allocation of $150 to Medical Ethics Discussion Panel budget to go toward their Berman Speaker Series Event. In return, they will advertise SGA's support of the event.
b. Should any funds be unspent, it will be returned to the SGA.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.
Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Any money granted not used for any of the above purposes will be returned to the SGA Operations budget.

The Bill hereby **PASSES** by a vote of ___ to ___ with ___ abstentions.

Upon passage, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Senate to be affixed to this bill indicating the Senate's assent and thus officially designated the bill's adoption as law.
Signatures of Enactment:

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President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Dean Chien
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Pritika Parmar
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Eric Armstrong
Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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