Resolution 14-13:
A Resolution to Endorse Ohio Senate Bill 367, Or to Change the Term “Mental Retardation” with “Intellectual Disabilities” in the Ohio Revised Code

WHEREAS, The current language in the Ohio Revised Code mentions certain disabilities as “mental retardation,” and other like terms; and

WHEREAS, The term “mental retardation” is offensive to people who face these disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law S. 2781, an act that removes the term “mental retardation” and “mentally retarded” from federal health, education and labor policy and replaces them with “individual with an intellectual disability” and “intellectually disabled”; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Senate Bill 367 would replace "mental retardation" and similar terms with "intellectual disability" and similar terms, to specify that an intellectual disability is a form of developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is committed to serving all people and respects the individuality of all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Government here assembled at Wright State University make the following recommendation for solution:

SECTION 1. The Wright State University Student Government endorses Ohio Senate Bill 367 and encourages the Ohio General Assembly to pass this legislation.

Sponsored by Robert D. Yada and Ryan A. Rushing

ACTION:

__ Vetoed | __ Approved Ayes:__ Nays:__ Abstentions:__

Date:_____________

______________________________
Kyle K. Powell, President

ATTEST:

______________________________
Zena A. Fadel, Director of Internal Affairs