

Line items: As we read through the MHBoR, there was support for the sentiment of each item, but caution around wording. Here a few comments on each of the items discussed:

1. *Vanderbilt University sees the mental health of its students as a priority and guarantees student access to quality, affordable, professional, and comprehensive mental health care. ***YES! Will likely change wording from “guarantee” to “protects” (or something very similar) to preserve meaning but also ensure that the bill moves past Vanderbilt’s legal representation.****
2. *Vanderbilt University is committed to combating stigma surrounding mental health, to providing an environment of mental health care that is inviting and inclusive for all students, and to proactively encouraging and guiding students to be good stewards of their mental health. ***YES!****
3. *In caring for the mental health of its students, Vanderbilt University commits to consider and accommodate the unique needs of its students, including but not limited to: students of color, international students, LGBTQ students, students with disabilities, military veterans, and students who are first-generation college students. ***YES! Asked to include ‘I’ with LGBTQ ****
4. *Vanderbilt University commits to protecting the privacy of its graduate students with regards to their mental health care and to providing maximum information and transparency for students regarding their medical privacy rights. ***YES!****
5. *Vanderbilt University shall provide mental health services in accordance with the following guidelines:*
 - a. *Every graduate student at Vanderbilt shall be guaranteed individual therapy with a Vanderbilt counseling center provider at no more than nominal cost until a mental health clinical review panel determines that a standard of care is reached, or that such standard of care would be better facilitated by a community provider. The University shall not terminate services without first providing due notice and facilitating necessary additional treatment by a community provider in accordance with 5(c). ***“Guarantee” is a problem. See #1. We will likely have to alter wording slightly, while still maintaining the sentiment.****
 - b. *For non-urgent mental health concerns, students shall have a right to in-person assessment by a qualified mental health provider within a reasonable time after contacting the Vanderbilt counseling center. For urgent concerns during normal operating hours and during nights and weekends, students shall have access to an on-call provider for telephonic assessment; the on-call provider may refer the student to emergency services if the student’s condition necessitates immediate attention, or may initiate scheduling of an in-person assessment within a reasonable time. A “reasonable time” shall be determined on an individual basis by qualified Vanderbilt counseling center staff. ***YES! But should be expanded to include online/phone assessments as well. We don’t want to assume all students want a certain type of assessment.****
 - c. *Students shall have the right to commence and continue care with a Vanderbilt University provider until care has been transferred to a community provider. For referrals to outside providers, the Vanderbilt University counseling center shall maintain ready access to a list of community providers who accept the graduate student insurance option and shall engage in a collaborative referral process with the student to secure appropriate services in the community. ***YES!****
 - d. *Students shall have the right to appeal discontinuation of mental health services by a Vanderbilt University provider for anonymous review by the Committee outlined in 8. Student inability to pay out-of-pocket expenses associated with referral to a community*

provider shall be among the committee's considerations. *****NOT SURE YET. We need to consider the standard procedures for grievances and complaints. This will require additional discussion.*****

6. Vanderbilt University shall guarantee a graduate student health insurance option that provides comprehensive coverage for mental health care, including, but not limited to, therapy, medication, emergency services, surgery, in-patient mental health treatment, and substance abuse treatment. Vanderbilt University shall consider the fiscal limitations of its graduate students in selecting student insurance options. *****"Guarantee" is a problem. Considering the turbulent nature of country-wide health insurance options this may require serious rewording and will definitely require additional discussion.*****
7. Each graduate student at Vanderbilt University shall be entitled to:
 - a. Remain apprised of the structure, policies, and practices of mental health care services for graduate students by Vanderbilt University, through elected representatives in the Graduate Student Council; *****Yes!*****
 - b. Provide input to Vanderbilt University regarding the structure, policies, and practices of mental health services for graduate students, through elected representatives in the Graduate Student Council; *****Yes!*****
 - c. Consider and comment on any proposed changes to the structure, policies, and practices of mental health services for graduate students, through a mechanism determined by the Graduate Student Council, for a period of at least thirty (30) days, at which time such comments shall be entered into the record and duly considered before proposed changes may be adopted; *****Eh... probably not going to work so we need to discuss more.*****
 - d. Receive detailed, transparent notice of changes following their adoption and prior to their implementation; and *****Same as above.*****
 - e. Access metrics and data regarding mental health care provided by Vanderbilt to its students, or underlying all decisions to alter, discontinue, or add mental health services. *****They hope to have more data with the UCC model, but there is no data for the PCC. There are HIPAA concerns here so we may have to alter wording slightly.*****
8. Vanderbilt University shall appoint a standing committee, which shall hear all student grievances and appeals arising pursuant to this Bill of Rights, and which shall:
 - a. Seat, as no fewer than two-fifths of its members, representatives of the student body, who shall be elected annually, or as vacancies arise;
 - b. Meet a number of times annually to hear cases, and to advise the administration regarding matters of policy and practice surrounding mental health at Vanderbilt University; and
 - c. Be authorized to arbitrate student petitions and appeals regarding the rights outlined herein, particularly for discontinuation of services provided by Vanderbilt University, and to dictate specific actions for the relief of the student. *****This requires more discussion. See 5d.*****