A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT STUDENT MENTORING SYSTEM WITHIN EACH PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS

Short Title: The PALS Act
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Whereas, Students that are new to a college program spend much of their time and effort adjusting to the new environment and new information.

Whereas, A holistic approach to guiding students throughout their time within a program can serve to improve their experience and learning.

Whereas, Student have gathered skills and knowledge throughout their experience in their respective programs that would have been more beneficial to them early on.

Whereas, Students are susceptible to forgetting the best practices and resources they have used in the past.

Whereas, Serving as a mentor to the next generation of students within a program helps to remind and affirm the individual of such skills, knowledge and resources.

Whereas, Leadership skills have become a desired commodity in the job market.

Whereas, Mentoring less experienced students is an effective way of cultivating such leadership skills.

Whereas, Having an experienced resource to turn to in times of difficulty will create an environment of development, leading to well rounded students.

Whereas, While students have support in academic areas of concern, few resources exist to support students in soft skills relevant to their major.

Whereas, A mentorship program can serve to end the cycle of rediscovering methods and techniques by subsequent generations of students within each program.

Whereas, The program is meant to last the entirety of a student’s time at the University.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte:
SECTION I: We request that a mentorship initiative be formed;

SECTION II: This initiative will begin with a pilot program, which will be for the various disciplines of the College of Engineering and the College of Business;

SECTION III: A single third party organizing committee will be responsible for all administrative functions of the mentorship initiative;

SECTION IV: The mentorship initiative shall be composed of mentors and mentees from the same college and academic program;

SECTION V: The organizing committee shall pair mentees with mentors that are familiar with the subject matter of the class load of the mentee. This familiarity is to be determined by the organizing committee;

SECTION VI: This initiative is meant to be a voluntary experience for both the mentors and mentees;

SECTION VII: This mentorship initiative is to be known as PALS (Peer Academic Learning System)

SECTION VIII: This mentorship is meant to last the entire academic career of a student or even beyond.

Mandates:
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Dean Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
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I hereby certify that this legislation was considered and adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body and the By-Laws of the Student Senate on this ___ day of_____________.

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Jason Heartsoe
President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate

I hereby signify my approval of this legislation as adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, this ___ day of_____________.

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Brady Nail
President of the Student Body