

## **A Resolution to Bring Belknap Campus into ADA Compliance with Braille**

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Whereas, *“The University of Louisville is committed to equal opportunity and challenge for all academically qualified students and does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Accommodations are available to encourage students with disabilities to take full advantage of the University’s educational, social, and cultural opportunities”.* (1)

Whereas, *Braille; “A tactile code system, consisting of raised dots organized in cells, used by persons who are blind or who are visually impaired for reading and writing. Each braille cell consists of up to six dots, which are arranged in different patterns to represent letters, numbers, symbols, and words”.* (2)

Whereas, *many buildings on the Belknap Campus of the University of Louisville do not meet the requirements of ADA standards, more specifically; these buildings do not have braille on the doors of the classrooms to aid in the normal functioning of students with visual disabilities.*

Whereas, *Students with certain disabilities, such as visual impairments, motor impairments, etc. do not have the same access to these buildings that other students have, leaving these students at risk for not only injury but embarrassment, and these buildings are not accessible to all students, therefore the University is missing an key opportunity to be a truly open and diverse campus.*

Be it hereby resolved, *The University of Louisville Student Government Association recommends that all buildings come into ADA compliance in order to ensure that all students are accommodated for and welcome on the University of Louisville’s Belknap Campus.*

- (1) Disability Resource Center Guidelines for Students with Disabilities, 2017,  
*University of Louisville.*
- (2) The Braille Reading Standards, (2016); *California Department of Education, pg. 87.*