

Resolution SS 1920-06**February 5, 2020**

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Thomas Walsh, *Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair*

**A RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM THE
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS PERTINENT TO THE ID CARD ACCESS POLICY**

Whereas, “[i]t took generations of involved students to create and sustain this special community” (Student Affairs Website) and residential life at the University of Notre Dame is “perhaps the most distinctive feature of the undergraduate student experience at Notre Dame” (Student Affairs Website).

Whereas, “[s]eniors are a treasured asset in each residence hall” (Residential Life Website); however, off-campus seniors who wish to return to the residence hall in which they are “treasured” are prohibited from freely accessing their hall community.

Whereas, the University of Notre Dame prides itself on the unique residential experience, including campus culture, community, and geography, which is vastly differentiated from other academic institutions.

Whereas, the spirit of the residential life at the University of Notre Dame cannot be relegated to mere datasets, slideshow presentations, or administrative checkboxes.

Whereas, the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame disagrees that this overhaul of student access to campus residence halls based on separate respects of Duke University, Creighton University, Vanderbilt University, and other suggested soi-disant peer institutions can be fashioned to accurately encompass – or even compare to – our unique campus community as a whole.

Whereas, in a meeting with the full Student Senate, the Associate Vice President for Residential Life stated that she “would not be able to share the benchmarking and National Best Practices” despite repeatedly referencing the studies and documentation throughout the meeting.

Whereas, the Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac believes in careful consideration of all evidence.

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Whereas, the Student Body of the University of Notre Dame expects honest, professional, and transparent communication regarding the decision making process of school administrators which directly affects the daily life and culture of the Notre Dame student experience for generations to come.

Whereas, the Student Senate, respecting the sensitive content and confidential nature of certain aspects of the review process, consents to redaction of materials which the Division of Student Affairs deems necessary to protect the identity of any individual, especially any member of the University community, who may be mentioned within the documentation.

***Resolved*, that the Student Senate formally requests the Division of Student Affairs to share any and all unclassified statistics, studies, and/or documentation from the process by which the Division of Student Affairs analyzed, deliberated, and implemented the new ID Card Access Policy.**

Elizabeth Boyle
Student Body President