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## **A Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac to Preserving an In-Person Fall Semester 2020**

*Whereas*, [the Principles of University of Notre Dame's strategic plan](#) state that, “[o]ur first and most fundamental operational charge is to protect the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. All of us at Notre Dame assume responsibility for creating an environment that prioritizes the physical and emotional wellbeing of members of our community”;

*Whereas*, on August 18, University president Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. [announced](#) a two-week pause in campus activities and a shift to remote instruction to curb an outbreak of COVID-19 cases within the University of Notre Dame du Lac community;

*Whereas*, the extent of this outbreak was exacerbated by a select number of students whose failing to abide by health and safety protocols led to the mass exposure of undergraduates to SARS-CoV-2;

*Whereas*, the Student Senate thanks the University of Notre Dame du Lac for its decision to reopen the campus and its commitment to facing the challenges constantly posed by the advent of SARS-CoV-2 and calls upon the University of Notre Dame du Lac to take all necessary actions to ensure that in-person classes become a safe and viable option for the remainder of the Fall Semester 2020;

*Whereas*, it is the position of the undergraduate student body that temporary enforceable restrictions to the freedom of student movement, including but not limited to the current limitations on campus activity and in-person interactions, are acceptable in order to decrease the spread of COVID-19 at the University of Notre Dame du Lac;

*Whereas*, it is the position of the undergraduate student body that the temporary imposition of online classes, while undesirable if maintained for the duration of the semester, may be useful in reducing the spread of COVID-19 at the University of Notre Dame du Lac;

*Whereas*, the Student Senate has also called upon the University of Notre Dame du Lac to make specific modifications in its response to COVID-19 on no fewer than three occasions during this

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Senate term, including through the issuance of [SS 2021-10](#), [SS 2021-11](#), and [SS 2021-13](#), in order to support undergraduate students' desires for a safe and healthy in-person semester on campus;

*Whereas*, subsequent to the passage of SS 2021-13, the University of Notre Dame du Lac upgraded the [Notre Dame COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to include some of the information requested by the undergraduate student body in that resolution, including specific statistics of surveillance testing;

*Whereas*, it is the position of the undergraduate student body that the recent updates to the Notre Dame COVID-19 dashboard are substantial improvements that will better inform and more effectively motivate all members thereof to be diligent in their individual behaviors and adherence to health protocols;

*Whereas*, this upgraded dashboard, unfortunately, does not include all information requested by this Senate in SS 2021-13, including the number of recovered cases, the numbers of quarantined and isolated students, and the numbers of occupied quarantine and isolation units;

*Whereas*, it is the position of the undergraduate student body that all members thereof can and must ensure their complete adherence to health and safety protocols and promote accountability and responsibility for their peers to do the same, in order to protect all members of our campus community from COVID-19 and to maintain an in-person Fall Semester 2020 on campus;

*Whereas*, it is the position of the undergraduate student body that receiving an education and collegiate experience at the University of Notre Dame du Lac is unlike that of any other institution across the country and the world, and that receiving such education and experience is a privilege, not a guarantee, especially during this pandemic; Therefore, be it

***Resolved*, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that the undergraduate student body reaffirms its earnest desire to safely preserve in-person instruction and campus life during Fall Semester 2020 by redoubling its efforts to follow University health protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and be it**

***Further resolved*, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that the undergraduate student body reaffirms its resolve to seek the publication of all additional information on the Notre Dame COVID-19 dashboard requested in SS2021-13.**



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