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**A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS BARRIERS THAT LIMIT ACCESS
TO CAMPUS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Whereas, at the beginning of the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the University of Notre Dame RecSports introduced a program to revamp the way in which students participate in their recreational and fitness classes. Henceforth referred to as the “Pass Program,” RecSports requires students to purchase a pass with prices based upon the duration of the pass. Each pass allows a student to access an unlimited number of recreational and fitness classes within that purchased duration. The breakdown of prices and duration of said passes are as follows:

- 1 Year Pass - \$95
- 1 Semester Pass - \$60
- ½ Semester Pass - \$35

Whereas, the “Pass Program” has replaced the previous payment methods utilized by RecSports. In past years, RecSports required that students submit a deposit before attending a class. At other times, RecSports would charge a student by the number of classes that the student attended. The “Pass Program” has streamlined the manner in which RecSports collects payment from students and how students attend recreational and fitness classes.

Whereas, there exists a need on campus to provide financial assistance to those students who may be facing significant financial and/or mental barriers. Low-income and first-generation students represent a valuable component of our Notre Dame campus and illustrate a group that may be in acute need of said financial assistance.

Whereas, the current model of the “Pass Program” does not provide subsidization or financial assistance to said students who may face limited access to recreational and fitness classes offered through RecSports. There now exists a responsibility upon the Student Union and from the University of Notre Dame to find ways in which the “Pass Program” can become more accessible to our larger student body as a whole.


Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Body is significantly affected by RecSports accessibility in the following ways:

- A. Recreational and fitness classes provide an opportunity for students to develop healthy and productive lifestyles in college. Barriers that prevent students from accessing RecSports classes and participating in the “Pass Program” are at odds with those ideals.

- B. Mental health remains a constant concern for students who live and work in a college environment where classes and social experiences can produce large volumes of stress. Recreational and fitness classes can serve as a useful tool for students to relax and reflect as a therapy and treatment method for mental health concerns.
- C. The current model of the “Pass Program” does not provide ways in which students can secure financial assistance to purchase a RecSports pass. The Office of Student Enrichment (OSE) in coordination with the McDonald Center for Student Well-Being (McWell) and the University Counseling Center (UCC) are best positioned to provide students who already utilize their services to be provided with a RecSports pass or to receive financial assistance to purchase a RecSports pass; Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that:

- 1. The Office of Student Enrichment (OSE) in coordination with RecSports subsidize and/or provide financial assistance to students with demonstrated financial need who want to receive and/or purchase a RecSports pass.**
- 2. The McDonald Center for Student Well-Being (McWell) and the University Counseling Center (UCC), in conjunction with RecSports, identify ways in which a RecSports pass can serve as a further resource for sustaining mental well-being.**



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