

Non-Discrimination Clause Resolution

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WHEREAS, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994) teaches that homosexual persons “must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity,” and that “every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided;”

WHEREAS, under current policy, the University of Notre Dame reserves the right to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs (duLac);

WHEREAS, the Student Senate believes that it lies within the interests of the university community for the University to protect its students, faculty, and staff from the above mentioned discrimination, while reserving the right to uphold the entirety of Catholic teaching on homosexuality (Catechism 2357-2359);

WHEREAS, the Academic Council will be considering whether to suggest that sexual orientation be included in the University’s non-discrimination clause;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Senate urges the Academic Council to protect the students, faculty, and staff of the Notre Dame community against the above mentioned discrimination by including sexual orientation in the University’s non-discrimination clause.

Submitted by the Student Senate Gender Relations Committee

