

Resolution SS1314-07

September 18, 2013

DEPARTMENT OF GENDER ISSUES  
MONICA DAEGELE, DIRECTOR**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LANGUAGE CHANGE OF CRIME ALERT  
EMAILS REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Whereas, The definition of "sexual battery" is far more accurate in its description of incidence, and more adequately connotes the serious nature of the crime than that of the past language, "forcible fondling;"

Whereas, Per Indiana Code of Law, sexual battery takes place when "A person who, with intent to arouse or satisfy the person's own sexual desires or the sexual desires of another person:

- (1) touches another person when that person is:
  - (A) compelled to submit to the touching by force or the imminent threat of force; or
  - (B) so mentally disabled or deficient that consent to the touching cannot be given; or
- (2) touches another person's genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast when that person is unaware that the touching is occurring;"

Whereas, Inappropriate Student Body response to past language regarding such assaults has had definitive negative impacts upon those affected by the assault; and

Whereas, The Notre Dame Security Police and Deputy Title IX Coordinator sought Student Body input, and was met with overwhelming Student Senate support regarding the verbage change; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the University of Notre Dame Student Senate supports the Notre Dame Security Police's change in language for crime alert emails sent to the Student Body concerning sexual misconduct from "forcible fondling" to "sexual battery."

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