

Resolution SS1314-23

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DEPARTMENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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A RESOLUTION REGARDING FACULTY FELLOWS INTERACTIONS

Whereas, The University of Notre Dame's faculty research and qualifications are outstanding and contributions to Academia enhance the Notre Dame academic environment with respect to formal courses, and additional educational opportunities;

Whereas, Currently many students have little or no interaction with professors outside of class;

Whereas, Professors' research, extracurricular, and life experience could greatly enhance the undergraduate experience by facilitating academic and personal development;

Whereas, Many aspirational peer institutions make student-faculty interactions outside of the classroom a major priority, especially in the residence halls, through faculty hall staff positions, and development of a culture that recognizes the benefits of professors who make efforts to become actively involved with students;

Whereas, Students support the current 'Faculty in Residence' initiatives in Lyons Hall which exemplify the benefits of this type of program;

Whereas, Although Faculty Fellows is established in the Office of Student Affairs, it is an underutilized resource that could be made more accessible to residence halls;

Whereas, Faculty Fellows are professors that have expressed an interest in being involved in residence hall life to further serve students; and

Whereas, The University of Notre Dame's Strategic Plan, particularly *Strategy 1* and *Strategy 5*, calls for a greater collaboration among students and faculty in order to foster an enhanced intellectual environment on campus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Senate requests that the Academic Commissioners of each residence hall host at least two events a semester involving a faculty member, particularly if that member is a Faculty Fellow, in order to foster student-faculty relations; and, also therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Student Senate requests that the Office of Student Affairs actively supports the proliferation of Faculty Fellows, and continue to facilitate the development of relationships between professors and residence halls through Rector and residence life administration as laid out in the University's Strategic Plan; and, also therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Student Senate requests that the Office of the Provost continues to actively support the involvement of professors in the Faculty Fellows program, and further encourage professors to become involved in the lives of undergraduate students; and, also therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Student Senate requests Student Government, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of the Provost and residence halls employ implementation strategies as set forth in *Enclosure 1*, or some transparent structure to the same end.

Alexander F. Coccia
Student Body President

Faculty Fellows ENCLOSURE #1

Faculty Fellows Interaction Proposal

The following guidelines are a possible template to achieve the goal of an increased student-faculty interaction in the residence halls.

Step 1: Identification

The first step in increasing faculty-student relations is to identify the professors that are interested in getting involved. The Office of Student Affairs Faculty Fellows liaison will help connect professors to fit the demand created by the dorms.

Identification Process

Methods of Contact	Criteria for Professors	Point of Interest
Emails Posters in faculty offices College/Department Meetings	Brief Research Description Years at ND Time Commitment	The goal of Faculty Fellows is to encourage ALL Professors.

Step 2: Distribution

The second step will be to place the professors among the 29 undergraduate halls. Academic Affairs will work with Hall Government and the Office of Student Affairs to distribute professors among the dorms with preference shown to professors who lived in the dorm as undergraduates, match the gender of the dorm, or research, should a certain Hall's Government have a specific request.

Step 3: Organization

The final step will be to organize times for the Faculty Fellows to enter into the community of the dorm. A designated Faculty Fellows contact within a hall (an Academic Commissioner, AR, Rector, etc.) contacts the professor(s) who are connected to a given dorm prior to the commencement of each semester in order to determine the general plan and frequency of engagements. This ensures constant communication and more opportunity for relationship growth between the faculty member and the students.

Points of Contact

Meals	Talks	Residential Life
Dining Hall Prof's home Off-Campus (Eddy Street) In Dorm (use Academic funds?)	Formal/Informal Presentations Small Group Discussions In-Dorm Office Hours Join Existing In-Dorm Groups	Prof attends interhall/signature/athletic dorm events Prof given dorm apparel Dorm Mass

