

Resolution SS0910-04April 11, 2009
15COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY
MR. WALKER ANDERSON, CHAIR**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE REEVALUATION OF THE CURRENT ONLINE
UNIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR**

Whereas, the University of Notre Dame has committed itself to a university events calendar, currently located at agenda.nd.edu;

Whereas, there has been a demonstrated need for an improvement to the current university centralized events calendar;

Whereas, this calendar would be used as an enhanced organizational tool that would communicate the different events of the university in an effective manner;

Whereas, agenda.nd.edu was implemented in 2005 and technology has significantly changed;

Whereas, the university currently offers a broad range of opportunities including performances, lectures, and sporting events for students and community members;

Whereas, student groups, clubs, and organizations consistently search for improved methods in promoting their events;

Whereas, this site could serve as a beneficial advertising tool for the CSC, varsity sports, Campus Ministry, academic forums, residence halls, and many other student clubs and organizations;

Whereas, enhancing the features of the site would increase the amount of users within the Notre Dame community;

Whereas, online applications serve as the most convenient and preferred form of communication for the student body;

Whereas, an improvement in the efficiency of the centralized calendar could serve as a better tool to inform the South Bend community of on-campus opportunities;

Whereas, encouraging the use of an online venue would contribute to the university's goal of a more sustainable and energy efficient environment;

Whereas, a more proficient online centralized calendar of events could serve as an effective recruitment and admissions resource;

Whereas, agenda.nd.edu currently does not have user-friendly qualities, such as an enhanced and more intuitive search feature, that would encourage students to utilize this resource;

Whereas, after the transition to Gmail, Notre Dame is clearly committed to continuing in its technological advancement through its integration of the Google Calendar subscriptions and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds to calendar events;

Whereas, an improved calendar could be a more effective method in promoting safe alternative on-campus events for students throughout the weekends; and

Whereas, Web Group has expressed interest in further developing the current site; therefore be it

Resolved, The Student Senate requests a reevaluation of the current agenda.nd.edu centralized university events calendar.

Resolved, The Student Senate encourages OIT and Web Group to make this improvement a priority for the betterment of student life.