

Resolution SS0910-[12]

February 16, 2010

COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE LIFE
Nicholas Ruof, Chairman**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STUDENT MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY.**

Whereas, The Fall 2008 Student Government Survey results indicate that in response to the question "Before calling NDSP or residence hall staff to help treat someone, do you consider any disciplinary consequences that might incur as a result of the call?" 85.6% of those who had been placed in the situation (1,307 students) answered "Yes" or "Sometimes;"

Whereas, A medical amnesty policy is defined as a measure that would appropriately prevent discipline for an individual who calls for assistance on behalf of another person experiencing an emergency;

Whereas, Students should not factor a sanction from Office of Residence Life and Housing into their decision to help treat an individual in an emergency;

Whereas, General student concern has catalyzed significant discussion on the topic in Student Government and the Campus Life Council;

Whereas, The following universities have implemented a Medical Amnesty Policy: Saint Mary's College, Gonzaga University, Duke University, Dartmouth College, Stetson University, College of William and Mary, Southern Methodist University, and Lafayette College;

Whereas, A medical amnesty policy, even if it is deemed unofficially "in place," must be publicized to the student body if it is to be effective and correct general perception;

Whereas, Any sanction or disciplinary record, no matter how minor, is a clear deterrent for students who should assist in emergency situations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Student Senate will work in tandem with ORLH to ensure that the student handbook, *duLac: a Guide to Student Life*, outlines clearly the procedure for notification, statements, hearings, and the role of Judicial Council's Peer Advocacy program, residence hall staff and Notre Dame Security Police in reported violations;

Resolved, The Student Senate understands the diversity of circumstances and the authority that ORLH and residence hall staff have in judging each each instance accordingly;

Resolved, The Student Senate recommends that ORLH and residence hall staff adopt a medical amnesty policy that allows students to report emergencies without incurring a disciplinary record;

Student health/well-being



Resolved, The Student Senate recommends that ORLH and the Office of Student Affairs meet with Student Government to develop and implement this policy by the start of the 2010-2011 school year;

Resolved, That Student Government will collaborate with residence hall staff in introducing students to the aforementioned medical amnesty Policy, with a focus on providing clarification on the role of Notre Dame Security Police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing in promoting safety, responsible decision making, and moral development in the Notre Dame community.

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helping the person who has been drinking
education factor
NO says it's "in place" but to doll's effect, people need to know
it's in place -
collaboration w/ reslife/SIA

