

February 24, 2010

Resolution SS0910-[13]COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
AUSTIN HOLLER, CHAIRMANUnanimous**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ACADEMIC FORUM AS AN ANNUAL EVENT**

Whereas, The Academic Forum is an opportunity for the Notre Dame community both to discuss issues that affect our lives and to seek understanding of these issues on a national and global scale;

Whereas, The Academic Forum has been held in the fall semester for the past four years covering the following issues: religion and faith in a plural world, global health, immigration policy, and sustainability;

Whereas, The University has established an Academic Forum Committee whose responsibility is "to organize the annual Academic Forum;"

Whereas, The student body has expressed strong interest in the Academic Forum as a means to enact our mission as a Catholic University; and

Whereas, The student body has expressed concern about the postponement and subsequent cancellation of this year's Academic Forum, specifically that the event may not remain a priority in years to come; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Senate encourages the Office of the President to ensure that the Academic Forum is an annual event;

Resolved, That communication be established between members of the Academic Forum Committee and members of the Student Government Committee on Academic Affairs; and

Resolved, That input be sought from the student body concerning both the forum topic and the speakers to be involved, similar to the process for the 2008 Academic Forum on Sustainability.

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