

**Resolution SS0809-12****October 15, 2008**

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS  
MS. SCRIBNER, MEMBER  
MS. BYRNE, CHAIR

**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE USE OF DOMER DOLLARS  
FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Whereas, The mission statement of the University of Notre Dame holds that "The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many. The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice";

Whereas, Many student clubs and organizations work to foster this sentiment through efforts to educate the student body about social injustices and to alleviate such injustices through service and fundraising for causes;

Whereas, Education and fundraising efforts are often inhibited by the fact that students rarely carry cash on their persons;

Whereas, The Student Senate Committee on Social Concerns has determined the technological feasibility of a swiper system to be used for donations;

Whereas, The said committee has been given permission by the proper authorities in Notre Dame Food Services to obtain a swiper for this purpose;

Whereas, The Student Senate has discussed and determined that Domer Dollar Donations would in fact be an appropriate and meaningful way for Notre Dame students to give to causes of their choice;

Whereas, The Center for Social Concerns staff has indicated support for the development of a program in which students can donate in this way; and

Whereas, Club leaders of social action groups such as Africa Faith and Justice Network, Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, and ND-8 have shown support for such a system; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That a swiper be made available for student groups to use to collect Domer Dollar Donations from fellow students;

*Resolved*, That the description of Domer Dollars be altered for the purpose of transparency about the uses of Domer Dollars; and

*Resolved*, That students may donate to causes with their Domer Dollars if they so choose.

