

Resolution SS0809-18

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS TECHNOLOGIES
MR. DEVIN FEE, CHAIRMAN**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINTERS WITHIN
EACH RESIDENCE HALL**

Whereas, The mission statement of the Office of Student Affairs states that ~~they are~~^{it is (25-0-0)} committed to “integrate the intellectual, spiritual, moral, and social dimensions of their educational experience” while providing the “highest quality programs and services”;

Whereas, The Office of Information Technologies “strives to provide a robust and highly reliable technology infrastructure that supports the University of Notre Dame’s teaching and research mission”;

Whereas, Students have expressed a desire for hall printers to better enable them to complete assignments for their courses; thus, meeting their academic needs;

Whereas, The original printers were placed in selected halls as part of a pilot program and the printers have been well received and used;

Whereas, The conditions that led to the original pilot program still exist in the eighteen halls that do not have printers;

Whereas, The Student Senate unanimously supports the addition of printers to all residence halls;

Whereas, Of the 2,720 on-campus students who took the student survey conducted by Student Government, 91.1% either felt that there was a current need for a printer in their residence hall or already had a printer located in their residence hall;

Whereas, Ten of twenty-eight residence halls have printers leading to disparity of resources among the different residence halls;

Whereas, Even though a dorm in close proximity may have a resident printer, there is not a guaranteed twenty-four hour access to that space based upon parietal regulations and card access;

Whereas, Under the current conditions, some students are required to walk across campus for printer usage which, depending on the hour of the day or night, leads to safety concerns;

Whereas, Computer clusters in buildings such as LaFortune Student Center and DeBartolo Hall become overloaded in between classes due to printing needs;

Whereas, This implementation of printers in dorms would help support the professor's increasing use of e-reserves;

Whereas, The more printers available for use on campus, the less overworked and subsequently broken down printers will be;

Whereas, If a hall printer does in fact breakdown, there are more locations across campus to fulfill their printing needs;

Whereas, OIT can further their mission by supporting the printers in needed supplies, maintenance, and repair;

Whereas, Student Government would work with OIT to educate students on wireless connections to the printer networks; and

Whereas, The contract for the maintenance of printers is currently under review; therefore be it

Be it Resolved, The Student Senate requests the addition of printers to each residence hall currently without a printer.