

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE
REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY KNOWN AS
ITUNESU**

Whereas, the Committee on Residence Life of the Notre Dame Student Senate has been pursuing the possibility of obtaining iTunesU as an academic technology since the 2006-2007 academic year;

Whereas, in the 2007-2008 academic year the Office of Information Technology at the University of Notre Dame has begun an intensive investigation as to the benefits of iTunesU technology for Notre Dame students and faculty;

Whereas, the recent student proposal and presentation regarding iTunesU to the members of the University Committee on Academic Technologies was well received and supported by OIT administrators and faculty members alike;

Whereas, the University Administration, the Office of Academic Technologies, and the Student Body of the University of Notre Dame are strongly committed to the proper storage and protection of the intellectual property of our professors within the context of a future Notre Dame iTunesU webpage;

Whereas, iTunesU is one of the most innovative ways for professors to disseminate classroom materials including PowerPoint presentations, Audio/Visual content, Portable File Documents (pdfs), and other related applications to students to supplement lectures;

Whereas, iTunesU is not simply an academic technology and can enhance student life at Notre Dame by also expanding into student groups and organizations in its ability to broadcast programming, lecture series, commencement, club meetings, and other similar student activities;

Whereas, iTunesU is compatible with PCs, Macs, and iPods and is formatted in a user-friendly format that is accessible by any and all members of the Notre Dame community including faculty, staff, and students;

Whereas, iTunes is already being used at peer top-twenty institutions including Harvard, Stanford, Duke, and many others to publicize their campuses and supplement their course content;

Whereas, the University already posts content in Courseware, Blackboard, and the University Website including tours, videos, Basilica PrayerCasts, which can all easily be integrated onto a Notre Dame iTunesU page;

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Whereas, some University professors have already begun posting course content for their students using iTunesU within the Computer Science Engineering Department and lab courses in the College of Science; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the student body supports the incorporation of iTunesU as an academic technology that enhances the learning experience of all students at the University of Notre Dame.

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