

Resolution SS0708-~~111~~39

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COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS
SEN. BARON AND SEN. MOLLOY**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ADDITION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION TO
THE UNIVERSITY'S NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE**

Whereas, The non-discrimination clause applied by the University of Notre Dame in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, employment, and athletic and other school administered programs currently does not include sexual orientation;

Whereas, "The Spirit of Inclusion", although welcoming all persons into the Notre Dame community, fails to provide legal protection for students, faculty, and staff from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;

Whereas, The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994) teaches that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity," and that "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (2358);

Whereas, The Student Senate believes that protection of the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Notre Dame from the aforementioned discrimination lies within the interests of the university community;


Whereas, The Student Senate believes that the call to social justice outweighs any potential legal or financial issues and that the University can answer this call while upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church;

Whereas, Sexual orientation is included in the non-discrimination clause of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame; and

Whereas, Sexual orientation is included in the non-discrimination clauses of several other prestigious American Catholic colleges, including Georgetown University and King's College, the latter run by ~~the~~ Congregation of ~~the~~ Holy Cross;

Whereas, The University has failed to adequately address this specific issue, despite support from students and faculty and the passing of similar resolutions by the Faculty Senate in 1998 and by the Student Senate in both 1998 and 2007; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Senate urges the University of Notre Dame to include sexual orientation in the University's non-discrimination clause in order to protect the students, faculty, and staff of the Notre Dame community against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.


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