

Resolution SS0708-40

March 25, 2008

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Passed ~~20-5-0~~
20-5-0**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INPUT OF THE STUDENT BODY ON
CATHOLIC FACULTY HIRING DECISIONS**

Whereas, The decision to hire or not to hire a majority Catholic faculty could profoundly impact the future of the University;

Whereas, The administration, alumni, and faculty have had continual communication regarding this issue;

Whereas, Faculty have a direct impact on student education and the undergraduate experience;

Whereas, Students have the best understanding of how faculty impact their lives both inside and outside of the classroom;

Whereas, The Student Senate has engaged in serious and thoughtful discussion on this topic;

Whereas, Senators held informative and insightful sessions gathering student input in the dorms;


Whereas, Student Government hosted a campus-wide town hall meeting as another form of meaningful dialogue with students on the issue; and

Whereas, The Academic Affairs Committee conducted a campus-wide survey of Catholic character at Notre Dame, be it

Resolved, That the administration and faculty read and consider the attached report on the student body's discussion of the Catholic faculty hiring and recruitment issue;

Resolved, That the administration and faculty continue to engage in dialogue with students on this issue and like issues that emerge in the future; and

Resolved, That the administration and faculty keep the Student Senate and the student body informed on decisions they make involving the University's policy toward the recruitment and hiring of Catholic faculty.


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