

**Resolution Regarding Weekday Parietals Extension**

**Recognizing** that the Notre Dame family consists of a coed community;

**Whereas** student study groups are not gender exclusive;

**Whereas** students have many resources in their rooms such as computers and reference materials which can be conducive to such study groups;

**Whereas** students can more easily access these resources in their rooms than in public areas that are already overcrowded by other students;

**Whereas** the 24-hour space in each dorm is not conducive to study purposes due to TV's, couches, socialization, as well as other activities, which hinder studying;

**Whereas** noted Harvard Professor Richard J. Light, in his book *Making The Most Out Of College* states: "Specifically, those students who study outside of class in small groups of four to six, even just once a week, benefit enormously. And as a result of their study group discussion they are far more engaged and far better prepared, and they learn significantly more."

**Whereas** approximately 80 percent of students surveyed in the 2001 *Student Survey On Parietals* favored extending parietals past 12am on weeknights;

**Recognizing** that it is important to have established quiet hours in a dormitory to foster an atmosphere conducive to sleep and study;

**Whereas** the extension of parietals by one hour on Sunday through Thursday with the continuation of current quiet hours would benefit students by giving them more space for private studying, while also not disturbing those students who choose to retire earlier;

**Therefore be it resolved** that parietals be extended to 1am Sundays through Thursdays with the continuation of current quiet hours.

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