

Resolution Concerning the Restructuring of the Academic Council

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WHEREAS the Academic Council is the foremost body for academic policy at the University of Notre Dame, and

WHEREAS it is essential that this body have a balance of administrators, faculty, and students on it so that it can be most effective in setting academic policy and communicating that policy, and

WHEREAS the current makeup of the Academic Council does not provide for the necessary balance to achieve the greatest policy and most efficient communication because of a lack of faculty and student representation on the Council, and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate has addressed this problem with a resolution concerning an increase in faculty members on the Academic Council, a proposal that has been endorsed by the administration and that now sits before the Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Senate address the lack of student representation on the Academic Council to ensure that students are part of any restructuring of the Council.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that to allow for the most effectual student role in Academic Council, the Council grant students one representative from each college every year, allow one member of the Committee on Academic Affairs for the Student Senate to serve each year, and continue the position of Academic Delegate for the student body. Thus, the Council would increase in voting student members from the current number of four to six.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President be afforded privileges of non-voting observers to the Academic Council in order that communication between the Council and the student body can be maximized.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that these additions coincide with the restructuring of the Academic Council that is to come when the resolution concerning these issues from the Faculty Senate is considered.

Submitted by the Committee on Academic Affairs

