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Resolution Regarding An Extension of Visitation Hours in Residence Halls

WHEREAS the Gender Issues and Residence Life committees of the Student Senate, working in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs, have identified poor gender relations and the gap between student academic and social life as important issues at Notre Dame;

WHEREAS the rigorous nature of the academic curriculum often necessitates that students work late at night and early in the morning;

WHEREAS there has been an increased emphasis on collaborative learning and group projects;

WHEREAS current morning "parietals" create inconveniences parents of students during move-in days, Freshman Orientation, and Junior Parents' Weekend, and for students who have early classes.

WHEREAS the majority of students are involved in, and are encouraged to get involved in, activities such as athletics, service, extracurricular clubs and organizations, work-study, and other employment in addition to their school work, therefore necessitating late night or early morning study groups.

WHEREAS approximately 87 percent of students surveyed in the *Student Survey Regarding Social Space* conducted in the Spring of 2000 deemed 24-hour space in residence halls to be inadequate. (please see Appendix I);

WHEREAS approximately 80 percent of the students surveyed in the recent *Student Survey On Parietals* favored extending "parietals" past 12am on weeknights (please see Appendix II);

WHEREAS approximately 78 percent of the students surveyed in the recent *Student Survey On Parietals* favored ending "parietals" before 10am every morning (please see Appendix II);

WHEREAS the Student Senate feels that extending visitation hours in residence halls by members of the opposite sex would provide increased opportunities for interaction between male and female students, therefore improving gender relations and allowing students to better mesh their academic and social lives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an extension of visitation hours in residence halls by members of the opposite sex past 12am on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) be included in this summer's major revisions of duLac;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an extension of visitation hours in residence halls for members of the opposite sex before 10am every morning be included in this summer's major revisions of duLac;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate recommends that visitation hours be extended to 1am on weeknights (Sunday through Thursday) and to 9am every morning in this summer's major revisions of duLac.

I, Brooke Elizabeth Norton, Chairman of the Student Union Senate, do certify that Resolution S0001-37 was considered, debated, and passed according to proper legislative procedure with twenty-five Student Senators voting in the affirmative on Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

  
Brooke Elizabeth Norton

Now, therefore, I, Brian Patrick O'Donoghue, President of the University of Notre Dame's Undergraduate Student Body, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame, have set my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one.

  
Brian Patrick O'Donoghue