

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
39th General Assembly
Meeting No. 018-12
February 29th, 2012
Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of the Minutes

V. Approval of the Agenda

VI. Open Forum

VII. Special Business

a. Sen. Emeritus Maurice Muia, Center for Sustainability

Presentation on Catholic Climate Covenant

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. (SR) – 018-12 Sen. Beth Alberty & Maurice Muia

Intent and Purpose: To encourage the University to officially sign the “St. Francis Pledge” to honor the Catholic Climate Covenant

b. (SB) – 065-12 Vice President Scott Hessel, Internal Affairs

To amend the association’s bylaws to create a Mission and Ministry Committee

X. Adjournment

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Resolution (SR) – 018-12
March 21st, 2012

Intent and Purpose: To encourage the University to officially sign the “St. Francis Pledge” to honor the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Whereas, The Catholic Climate Covenant’s St. Francis Pledge is a commitment to care for creation and the poor, and to encourage greater personal and shared engagement by the Catholic community to respond to the impacts of climate change,

Whereas, the Catholic Climate Covenant shares “good news about the ongoing and impressive ways in which the Catholic community is carrying out the Catholic Climate Covenant to honor our obligations toward God’s gift of creation,”

Whereas, the St. Francis Pledge has five components: pray, learn, assess, act, and advocate;

Whereas, twenty-seven national organizations have signed the pledge to date and actively support the Covenant, including the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities,

Whereas, six other colleges and universities have signed the pledge,

Whereas, the St. Francis Pledge aligns with Saint Louis University’s Jesuit ideals by encouraging environmental stewardship and service to those who are most affected by climate change,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the Saint Louis University Student Government Association urges the University to sign the St. Francis Pledge,

Furthermore, let it be resolved that the Association urges the University to engage the campus community to commit to environmental stewardship through both on-campus and off-campus activities,

Furthermore, let it be resolved that the Association urges the University to reaffirm the ideals of the pledge in its operations and programs.

Written and submitted by:

Beth Alberty, Commuter Senator
Maurice Muia, Center for Sustainability

Co-sponsored by:

Brent Lenny, Commuter Senator
Veronica Lowe, School of Nursing Senator
Blake O’Connor, College of Arts & Sciences Senator

Pass Fail

Vote Tally by the Vice President of Internal Affairs For Against Abstain

Matt Ryan, Preident _____

Scott Hessel, Vice President of Internal Affairs _____

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) – 065-12
March 21st, 2012

Intent and purpose: To amend the association's bylaws to create a Mission and Ministry Committee.

Whereas, the Associated Students of Saint Louis University Student Government Association represents the entire student body.

Whereas, there is one student appointed to serve as the student representative on the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry Committee.

Whereas, it is difficult of one student to be able to represent the needs of the entire student body.

Whereas, it would be prudent to give this student an adequate forum to gather feedback from multiple perspectives of the student body and to help work on initiatives in order to best serve in their capacity as student representative.

Whereas, there is no centralized student voice on the specific topic of mission and ministry.

Whereas, there is a significant desire of the student body to give opinions and recommendations on the topic of mission and ministry.

Whereas, there is a significant need in the student body for a more in-depth understanding of SLU's unique Jesuit mission.

Whereas, this education is most effective when coming from other students.

Whereas, it would be prudent to have a sustainable, long-term committee of the Student Government Association to address these needs.

Whereas, there has already been a functioning group of students who meet to discuss matters of Mission and Ministry in an advisor capacity to the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry student representative

Whereas, the Student Government Association has already had a standing Service Leadership Committee.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry would absorb the responsibilities of the Service Leadership Committee.

Whereas, the Service Leadership Committee struggled to find a unique niche to fill.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry Committee would expand the focus of the Service Leadership Committee.

Whereas, the four (4) subgroups of the Mission and Ministry Committee encapsulates the main aspects of Mission and Ministry.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry committee would represent the student voice on these issues.

Therefore, let it be the Association's bylaws be amended such that:

R) ~~The Committee for Service Leadership shall:~~

- 1) ~~Be comprised of at least six voting Senators, one of which shall be nominated to serve as Chair, and up to four Committee Representatives~~
 - a) ~~The Chair shall be the Student Government Association representative on the University's Service and Justice Fellowship~~
 - b) ~~A member shall be nominated by the Chair to maintain regular contact with the Assistant Director for Community Service and Outreach in the Center for Service and Community Engagement~~
 - c) ~~A member shall be nominated by the Chair to maintain regular contact with the Faith and Justice Campus Minister of the Eckelkamp Center for Campus Ministry~~
 - d) ~~A member shall be nominated by the chair to maintain regular contact with the Graduate Assistant of the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research~~
- 2) ~~Act as a voice of the students of the University concerning matters related to the mission of the University, service leadership opportunities, and issues concerning global and local justice~~
- 3) ~~Collaborate with the Vice President of Internal Affairs to manage Senate participation in service opportunities~~
 - a) ~~the Committee shall organize at least one service event each semester, in which all members of the Student Government Association shall participate.~~

i) ~~Planned service events shall fall outside of campus-wide service days~~

R) The Mission and Ministry Committee shall:

- 1) Be comprised of at least seven members and the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry student representative, who shall serve as Chair
 - a) The Chair shall maintain regular contact with the University Vice President of Mission and Ministry
 - b) A member shall be nominated by a majority of the Committee to maintain regular contact and to act as liaison with the Director and/or other appropriate administrators of the following departments:
 - i) Center for Service and Community Engagement
 - ii) Eckelkamp Center for Campus Ministry
 - iii) Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research
 - c) A member shall be appointed by the Association President to serve as the Student Government Association representative on the University's Service and Justice Fellowship.
 - d) A member shall be nominated by the Chair to maintain contact with appropriate student(s) enrolled at other Jesuit Universities and/or the Ignatian Solidarity Network.
- 2) Act as a voice of the students of the University concerning matters related to the mission and ministry of the University, service leadership opportunities, and issues concerning global and local justice including, but not limited to:
 - i) Ensuring the Department of Campus Ministry meets the needs of the entire student body.
 - ii) Examining the University's allocation of resources, endowment record, and investment record to ensure that finances are used in a manner in accordance with the mission.
 - iii) Examining the opportunities for service and community engagement and promoting these to the student body
 - iv) Promoting discussion of the University mission inside the classroom

Written and Submitted by:

Scott Hessel, Vice President of Internal Affairs

____Pass ____Fail

Vote Tally by Internal V.P. ____For ____Against ____Abstain *voice vote*

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Vice President for Internal Affairs
