

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
39th General Assembly
Meeting No. 021-12
March 28th, 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

Sen. Emer. Muia: Worked with Dr. Keen, Center for Sustainability and Dr. Winright, Theology, to establish more information about this covenant and how to make it happen at SLU. St. Francis Pledge gives us ideas for how to spread the ministry of environmental stewardship. Signing the pledge symbolizes a commitment to these issues and to insuring a growth in sustainable efforts.

Questions:

Sen. Peddada: Is there going to be any action involved with the signing of the pledge?

Sen. Emer. Muia: If we can ingrain some of the values of the covenant, we will be able to take action. We need to have this lens on everything that we do as an institution.

Sen. Alberty: There is work being completed currently to create a Sustainability Advisory Committee. The Committee will develop and recommend practices for better sustainable efforts.

Sen. McCabe: Are the 5 steps of the pledge, the entirety of the pledge?

Sen. Emer. Muia: Those are the core points of the whole 30 page or so document.

Sen. Salazar: Is the Admin encouraging us to do this?

Sen. Emer. Muia: No. I'm hoping to have the recommendation start with students and to show that students support this effort.

VIII. Old Business

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

To amend the Association's bylaws to create a Mission and Ministry Committee

Questions on Bills (omnibussed with (SB) - 067-12):

Call to question.

Vote on Bills: **Bills pass.**

IX. New Business

A. (SR) - 018-12 Sen. Beth Alberty & Sen. Emeritus Maurice Muia

To encourage Saint Louis University to officially sign the "St. Francis Pledge" to honor the Catholic Climate Covenant

Sen. Alberty: This is the resolution showing that we support the University signing the pledge. So far seven individual colleges have signed this, as well as our larger overseeing body.

Questions:

Motion to end questions. Motion recognized.

Debate:

Sen. Salazar: In support of this resolution.

Sen. Sova: I am not in support of this. After researching this further, I found various organizations that are in support of this that have some stances that I am not in support of. This bill is too political and screams of leftist extremism.

Sen. Raymond: SGA does not have the authority to encourage the University to participate in national issues.

Sen. Salazar: I disagree with that statement. The Association is about encouraging the University to take action on issues that students are passionate about. Furthermore, this pledge, at the very least, will encourage better practices on our University level. This planet is a gift and we need to take care of it.

Sen. Essig: To address the statements made by Sen. Sova, as members of a Jesuit institution, we need to focus on issues that matter to us as students and how we will act outside of our time here at the University.

Sen. Smith: I'm disappointed in how senators were acting when Sen. Sova was speaking. We just heard that we are not listening to each other, we need to listen to both sides and our constituents need to be fully aware.

Sen. Jones: This bill is too politically inclined. It is not our role to encourage the University to take political action.

VP Hessel: In response to Sen. Sova, this is a Catholic issue and the Vatican has released documents in support of environmental supportive efforts. Furthermore, I think it is important for us to realize that we do have the authority to encourage the University to take action on an issue that is important to students.

Sen. Raymond: If we start advocating for this, we need to be prepared to start advocating for other issues such as abortion or capital punishment.

Sen. Alberty: The purpose of the covenant is not take political action, all it is saying is that we will be mindful of our resources and our impact on the environment.

Sen. Muia: The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities have signed this. They must have researched the political implications of this pledge.

Sen. McCabe: I was not aware that the pledge was 30 pages long. With that new knowledge I would need to be aware of all its implications.

Sen. Salazar: Did Sen. Emer. Muia read the entire document?

Sen. Emer. Muia: Yes and I found it very broad, which I'm assuming was to prevent the outcasting of any organization.

Sen. Salazar: I am in support of this because it seems that individuals, who are much more qualified than us.

Motion to end debate. Motion recognized.

Vote on Resolution: **Resolution passes with 34-16-1.**

B. (SB) - 066-12 Vice President Jonathan Serpas, Financial Affairs

To provide "Asian American Association" with spot funding

VP Serpas: Bill to provide spot funding to AAA for MAASU (Midwest Asian American Student Union) conference.

AAA Rep: Conference will allow for students to learn about various issues that are currently facing Asian Americans. Will allow for us to bring back topics that we can program around, bringing these issues to light in the main campus population.

Conference would provide opportunities for collaboration and development of programs such as discussions, workshops and performances.

AAA Rep: Was able to bring performer because of previous attendance at MAASU.

Questions:

Sen. Lenny: How many students will be attending this conference?

AAA Rep: About 22 SLU students will be attending.

Sen. Lenny: Are there students outside of AAA that will be attending?

AAA Rep: Mostly they are AAA students but there are a few students outside of the organization. We hope to better advertise this next year.

Sen. Draper: Was the conference last year at UofI?

AAA Rep: No the conference location changes every year. Last year it was in Minnesota.

Sen. Draper: Can you speak to what you brought back to campus this year from last year's conference?

AAA Rep: We're bringing a comedian for a performance as well as a few workshops that deal with issues facing Asian Americans.

Sen. Draper: Do you feel that going to this conference is beneficial to these programs?

AAA Rep: Yes. MAASU is really the only resource that we have.

Sen. Farnsworth: Why did APO have an allocation recommendation of \$0 and this CSO has an allocation of \$600 or so dollars?

Sen. Woster: APO takes an individual trip, they have the ability to choose their location; however, this group is attending a conference, which location determination is out of AAA's hands.

Debate:

Sen. Salazar: Very thorough presentation. Finance committee commends this. I am in support of this allocation.

Motion to end debate. Motion recognized.

Vote on Bill: **Bill passes.**

C. (SB) - 067-12 President Matthew Ryan

To confirm and seat the Student Government Association Mission and Ministry Committee

Bill omnibussed with (SB) - 065-12. Bills passed. See minutes above for (SB) - 065-12.

D. (SR) - 019-12 Vice President Scott Hessel, Internal Affairs

To give approval of the Recommendation of the Mission and Ministry Committee to Enhance the Services of Campus Ministry

VP Hessel: Recommendation is the result of work by the Mission and Ministry committee after receiving concerns that Campus Ministry is not welcoming to students of a non-Christian, Catholic background. Recommendation is the start of larger interfaith efforts.

Questions on Resolution:

Sen. Draper: Have you reviewed the other requests for this space?

VP Hessel: The only knowledge I have is what was shared by VP Patankar during his last presentation.

Sen. Draper: Do you think this is a worthy cause for us to show support?

VP Hessel: I've spoken with Fr. Stark, DLC, IFA and Campus Ministry and the committee does feel this is a worthy use of the space.

Sen. Draper: Considering that we don't know the other requests, would you be open to merely encouraging that the University consider this option, in the larger scheme of what has been requested.

VP Hessel: This is the only formal request of the space by students and I think we should recognize this.

Sen. Blandon: Isn't there already an Interfaith space in Des Peres Hall.

VP Hessel: Yes there is. We are recommending that the current space be moved to this new location.

Sen. Woster: Are you comfortable with putting forth a decision that is on behalf of the entire student body?

VP Hessel: Yes I am.

Sen. Woster: How many students do think are aware of this issue and this bill?

VP Hessel: As many as have been reached out to by members of my committee.

VP Sreepada: DLC is also aware of this and they are in support of it.

Sen. Lenny: Are you requesting the entire second floor or just the offices?

VP Hessel: Just the offices. We're thinking that there would be a main interfaith space and then shared office spaces beyond that.

Sen. Cash: Can you speak more to how this will bridge a gap between the Catholic students on campus and the non-Catholic students?

VP Hessel: This will allow for learning and interacting by proximity. This is not a save all solution but this is a good first step.

Motion to end Questions. Motion recognized.

Debate:

Sen. Salazar: Would you up for taking out any mention of Wuller Hall and merely making it a blanket statement of the necessity for this space?

VP Hessel: I think this is important to include Wuller Hall. The larger goal is to have a more welcoming and interfaith campus ministry.

Sen. Salazar: I am in support of this resolution. This is a very well put together document and we pass this.

Sen. Conner: I think the wording is a little varied but I would recommend that the wording be clarified. But overall I'm in favor of this bill.

Sen. Draper: I am not in support of this resolution. On behalf of my constituents, I cannot endorse this without knowing the other requests for this space.

Sen. Patel: Do you think this is an urgent matter or can we take a few weeks to look this over more?

VP Hessel: I feel pressed for time because I want to ensure that the Admin receives this.

Sen. Patel: I would rather vote for this bill after learning of the other requests for the space.

Sen. Farnsworth: Motion to table for two weeks.
Motion recognized.

Resolution tabled for two weeks.

E. (SR) - 020-12 Sens. Blake Exline and Krishi Peddada

To create the initiative to donate leftover food from Griesedieck Dining Hall to the Campus Kitchen Project

Questions:

Sen. Salazar: Are there any food regulations that we need to be aware of?

Sen. Peddada: The only regulation that I'm aware of is the food cooling temperature. With the space of transportation that we're talking about we shouldn't have any issues.

VP Sondag: Have you talked to anyone about the history of this and why it hasn't been done before?

Sen. Peddada: I don't think there has been a precedent on this but Chartwell's is supportive of this endeavor.

Motion to end questions. Motion recognized.

Debate:

Motion to end debate. Motion recognized.

Vote on resolution: **Resolution passes.**

F. (SB) - 070-12 Vice President Jonathan Serpas, Financial Affairs

To provide "Korean Student Association" with spot funding

VP Serpas: Same conference and situation as AAA request. KSA would like to attend MAASU as well.

KSA Rep: You just heard about why this is important for AAA, it's also important for KSA because there are issues that are specific to Koreans. Such workshops are those revolving around sex trafficking in Korea and issues with North Korea. Conference will provide opportunities to interact with scholars and individuals who have actually experienced the issues in Korea. The conference has already provided us the ability to bring back issues to campus about Korea. This conference is really the only opportunity for us to connect with experts, because there really are no resources here at SLU.

Questions:

Sen. Salazar: Why are we not funding them for all four rooms?

VP Serpas: They didn't request it.

Sen. Salazar: To KSA, would you need funding for the other rooms?

KSA Rep: It would be nice but we also realize that we only have two presentations we want to go to so we don't want to put a significant burden on the SAF.

Sen. Draper: Can you speak more about what you've brought back from the conference last year?

KSA Rep: We learned about LiNK and its social advocacy. This is the only opportunity for us to connect with such organizations.

Sen. Woster: Motion to end questions.

Motion recognized.

Debate on Bill:

Motion to end Debate. Motion recognized.

Vote on Bill: **Bill passes.**

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) – 065-12
March 28th, 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 for 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.
 - e.) The chair shall fully attend any senate meeting in which Mission and Ministry-related legislation that is supported by a majority of the Mission and Ministry Committee is brought forth
 - 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.
 - E) The Chair shall fully attend any senate meeting in which Mission and Ministry-related legislation is brought forth by a majority of the members of the Mission and Ministry committee.
- 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

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Resolution (SR) 018-12
March 28th, 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
Nate Klosterman, College of Education and Public Service
Nat Conner, First Year Senator

___ Pass ___ Fail

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

Matt Ryan, President _____

Scott Hessel, Vice President of Internal Affairs _____

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) – 066-12
March 28th, 2012

Intent and purpose: To provide Asian American Association with spot funding.

Whereas, the Student Government Association has the authority to allocate spot funding for Chartered Student Organizations,

Whereas, Asian American Association is a Chartered Student Organization,

Whereas, Asian American Association submitted a spot funding request of \$671.64 for their trip to MAASU,

Whereas, it is the right of every Chartered Student Organization to submit a spot funding request,

Whereas, spot funding is reserved for “unforeseeable” financial burdens on Chartered Student Organizations,

Whereas, the Finance committee found sufficient need for funding based on the “unforeseeable” nature of this expense,

Whereas, the Finance committee recommends a spot funding allocation of \$671.64 to Asian American Association.

Therefore, let it be enacted that Asian American Association receives a spot funding allocation of \$671.64.

Written and submitted by:

Jonathan Serpas, Financial Vice President

Co-Sponsored by:

Vidur Sharma, Senator Emeritus

Alexander Salazar, Black Student Alliance Senator

Christopher Struttman, Committee Representative

Jessica Stearns, First Year Senator

Pauline Abijaoude, Commuter Senator

Piera Blandon, John Cook School of Business Senator

Ian Paetow, College of Arts & Sciences Senator

Phillip Hoening, Committee Representative

Joe Woster, John Cook School of Business Senator

_____ Pass _____ Fail

Vote Tally by Administrative V.P. ____ For ____ Against ____ Abstain voice vote

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Internal Vice-President

Asian American Association Spot-Funding Request				
Name	Cost/Unit	Quantity	Amount	SAF Recommendation
Hotels	\$99.95+ Tax	3 rooms for 2 nights	\$671.64	\$671.64
Registration Fee	\$40	10 People	Being paid for by AAA	X
Travel	\$5	10 People	Being paid for by AAA	X

Total SAF Recommendation: \$671.64

Note: Asian American Association will be paying for the expenses of the registration fee and the travel to University of Illinois.

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) - 067-12
March 28th, 2012

Intent and purpose: Bill to confirm and seat the Student Government Association Mission and Ministry Committee.

Whereas, “the Association President or a majority of the Executive Board shall nominate members to the Senate Committees” (ASSLU SGA Constitution, Article V, Subsection D, Paragraph 1).

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry Committee shall “be comprised of at least seven members and the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry student representative, you shall serve as Chair.”

Therefore, let it be enacted that the following students begin the jobs to which they have been appointed:

Scott Hessel, Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry sub-committee student representative, chair
Andrew Bennett, Committee Representative
Allie Koenig, Committee Representative
Amanda Hicks, Committee Representative
Ann Knezetic, Marguerite and Pruellage Halls Senator
Ellen Albritton, Committee Representative
Erin Carroll, Committee Representative
Imman Musa, Committee Representative
Jon Schwendeman, Committee Representative
Kate Essig, DeMattias Hall Senator
Matthew Belanger, School of Public Health Senator
Michael Schonhoff, Committee Representative
Rosemary Laughlin, Committee Representative
Samuel Hurteau, John Cook School of Business Senator
Sara Patterson, Committee Representative
Stephanie Swinehart, Committee Representative

Furthermore, let it be known that the Mission and Ministry Committee has established the following goals for the 39th general assembly:

- 1.) Ensuring the Department of Campus Ministry meets the needs of the entire student body
 - 2.) Examining the University’s allocation of resources, endowment record and investment record to ensure that finances are used in a matter in accordance with the mission
 - 3.) Examining the opportunities for service and community engagement and promoting these to the student body
 - 4.) Promoting discussion of the University mission inside the classroom.
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Written and Submitted by:

Matthew Ryan, President

Pass Fail

Vote Tally by Internal V.P. For Against Abstain *voice vote*

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Vice President for Internal Affairs

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) — 069-12
March 28th, 2012

Intent and purpose: Bill to impeach and remove Commuter Senator, Brent Lenny, from the position of Senator in the 39th general assembly.

Whereas, “after a senator or member of the Executive Board has two unexcused or three total absences, the Vice President for Internal Affairs shall bring forth a bill of impeachment at the next regular meeting of the Association, unless the Committee for Internal Affairs has unanimously voted against said impeachment” (ASSLU SGA Bylaws, Article II, Section A, Subsection 3, paragraph b).

Whereas, “The Vice President for Internal Affairs shall determine all absences to be excused or unexcused” (ASSLU SGA bylaws, Section II, Subsection 3, paragraph a).

Whereas, Senator Lenny was deemed to have an unexcused absence at the senate meeting on Wednesday, January 25th, 2012

Whereas, Senator Lenny was deemed to have an excused absence at the senate meeting on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012

Whereas, Senator Lenny was deemed to have an excused absence at the senate meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, 2012

Whereas, Senator Lenny was deemed to have a 1/2 unexcused absence at the senate meeting on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012.

Whereas, the Committee for Internal Affairs has met to discuss the issue and deliberated at length over the correct action to be taken.

Therefore, let it be enacted that the ASSLU SGA removes Senator Brent Lenny from the position of Commuter Senator in the 39th general assembly.

Written and Submitted by:

Scott Hessel, Vice President of Internal Affairs

Co-Sponsored by:

Piera Blandon, John Cook School of Business Senator
Matthew Belanger, School of Public Health Senator
Benjamin Raymond, Village and Laclede Houses Senator
Kathleen Cadigan, Commuter Senator
Kunjan Patel, Reinert Hall Senator
Bria James, Black Student Alliance Senator
Joseph Woster, John Cook School of Business Senator
Joel Vettimattam, Doisy College of Health Sciences Senator
Pauline Abijaoude, Commuter Senator

Pass Fail

Vote Tally by Internal V.P. For Against Abstain *voice vote*

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Internal Vice-President

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Resolution (SR) – 019-12
March 28th, 2012

Intent and purpose: To give approval of the Recommendation of the Mission and Ministry Committee to Enhance the Services of the Department of Campus Ministry.

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

Whereas, the Department of Campus Ministry “inspired by God’s love, the living tradition of the Catholic Church, and Ignatian spirituality, the mission of the Department of Campus Ministry at Saint Louis University is to help others cultivate a relationship with God that leads to personal authenticity, just social relationships, the loving pursuit of truth, and reverence of all of creation.” (Campus Ministry mission Statement, 11/5/2010).

Whereas, there is a significant portion of the student body who are not of a Christian religious affiliation.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry committee believes there is a perception within the student body that the Department of Campus Ministry is solely for students of a Christian, or specifically Roman Catholic, religious affiliation.

Whereas, the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry sub-committee is supportive of efforts to ensure students of all religious affiliations feel comfortable at SLU.

Whereas, the mission statement of Saint Louis University reads, “In support of its mission, the University...welcomes students, faculty and staff from all racial, ethnic and *religious* backgrounds and beliefs and creates a sense of community that facilitates their development as men and women for others.” (Saint Louis University Mission Statement, <http://www.slu.edu/x5021.xml>, 03/25/2012, emphasis added).

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry Committee believes that close proximity of students of all religious affiliations to campus ministry will lead to a perception of the Department of Campus Ministry as not only a service for students of a Christian or Roman Catholic religious affiliation, and will lead to a greater awareness of other faith traditions, enhanced education and a greater sense of community for all.

Therefore, let it be known that the Association Students of Saint Louis University’s Student Government Association endorses the following recommendation to enhance the services of the Department of Campus Ministry:

Recommendation to Enhance the Services of Campus Ministry

Summary:

The Mission and Ministry Student Task Force submits the following recommendations for the space on the second floor of Wuller Hall. These recommendations include using the second floor as a meeting, office, and prayer space for faith-based Chartered Student Organizations, including but not limited to: the Interfaith Alliance, Jewish Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Hindu Students Community, Theology Club, Knights of Columbus and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. It is our belief that the reallocation of this space and its proximity to Campus Ministry will foster inter-religious dialogue and create an inclusive space for all faith traditions here at Saint Louis University. This space would not be reserved exclusively for the students in these organizations, but would be a reflective environment available to all students, faculty and staff.

Rationale:

The Department of Campus Ministry has a profound reach and depth within the student community and the Mission and Ministry Student Task Force acknowledges the solidarity of Campus Ministry with the student body and would like to enhance that relationship. Although in support of the efforts of the Department of Campus Ministry as a resource for all students, the Mission and Ministry student task force believes there is still a pervasive student attitude that Campus Ministry is only for Christian and Catholic students. We acknowledge their work in providing ministers of various faith traditions, and we see this space to be a continuation of existing efforts to create an inclusive and encompassing religious environment. Since there is a significant portion of the student population that would benefit from additional on-campus resources and knowledge of off-campus resources for non-Catholic faith traditions. In addition, the Mission and Ministry Student Task Force believes that increased interfaith dialogue and a communal space available to students enhances rather than reduces any faith tradition, including Christianity.

By providing space for faith-based student organizations of non-Catholic faith traditions, we believe the Department of Campus Ministry would be better equipped to live out the challenge presented in the Oath of Inclusion by providing adequate resources to a diversity of faith traditions, by embracing the tenet to “obtain greater knowledge when we consider the perspective

of our fellow students... we begin to strive for a better world when we build a stronger community.” As a result of the close proximity of the space, members of various faith traditions would be able to dialogue and build an inclusive community. Providing additional space would allow students of all faiths to engage in constructive dialogue so as to grow in their own spirituality and faith traditions as well as encourage mutual development and understanding. It is our hope that having a singular space for students, faculty, and staff to constructively engage their faith would facilitate development as catalysts of inclusion in our increasingly multi-faith society.

Finally, part of our goal as a Jesuit University is to be ecumenical and create an inclusive community that supports our unique Jesuit Mission to “welcome students, faculty and staff from all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds and beliefs and create a sense of community that facilitates their development as men and women for others.”

Other Jesuit Peer Institutions:

In the spirit of Jesuit family, the Mission and Ministry Student Task Force researched the services available for faith-based student organizations, specifically non-Christian student organizations, at other Jesuit peer institutions. Our research produced the following results:

1.) Loyola University of Chicago - <http://www.luc.edu/ministry/homeforallfaiths.shtml>

Loyola University of Chicago’s Department of Campus Ministry defines themselves as a “home for all faiths” by welcoming and serving students from a variety of faith traditions. Groups of various faith-traditions are housed in close proximity that automatically creates mutual consciousness which fosters collaboration, acceptance, education and community. Their Interfaith programs include a Interfaith Companions program that hosts several events throughout the year from dialogues and panel discussions, to films that explore issues of faith. “All students are encouraged to participate in worship and prayer in their own faith traditions, and to collaborate with all students, regardless of faith tradition, in service and other activities that bring students of various faith traditions together.”

2.) Georgetown University - <http://campusministry.georgetown.edu/programs/chaplains/>

Georgetown University’s Department of Campus Ministry provides chaplains for students that include various faith traditions, some of whom are on-campus.

3.) Boston College - <http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/ministry/interfaith/66comm.html>

Boston College’s Department of Campus Ministry houses a multi-faith center that has a chapel which is used by different student groups, and for non-Catholic services. Additionally, the department hosts a program devoted to interfaith dialogue and service.

4.) Santa Clara University - <http://www.scu.edu/cm/getinvolved/ecumenicalinterfaith.cfm#faq5>

Santa Clara University’s Department of Campus Ministry houses a multi-faith sanctuary and non-Catholic campus ministers.

Thus, providing additional space for all faith-based student organizations at Saint Louis University would be a strong impetus in joining the efforts of other Jesuit peer institutions in offering services to students of all faith traditions, and encouraging dialogue and education between members of various faith traditions and backgrounds.

Procedure:

The Mission and Ministry Student Task Force recommends the second floor of Wuller Hall, which is currently used as student-space, classrooms, and administrative offices for the School of Law, be designated for use by faith-based student organizations of varying faith traditions when the School of Law is relocated to its new downtown location. This space will be used as office space for various faith-based chartered student organizations, with a larger office being designated as an Interfaith Community Office, and another which will provide a community area for all students. The Task Force recommends another space being designated as a common prayer area for all students, faculty or staff. This space could be used for reflection for various faith traditions. If initially designated to be used by faith-based student organizations, the Mission and Ministry Student Task Force will provide a detailed layout plan for the area of the building designated.

Other Points of Consideration:

- The various faith-based student organizations that would acquire meeting space would not necessarily be advised or report to the Department of Campus Ministry.
- These recommended changes would not compromise the Catholic identity of our Department of Campus Ministry but instead would enhance it through the spirit of the Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate*, that states “[The Catholic Church] regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life...[that] nonetheless often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all men.”
- The Mission and Ministry Student Task Force recommends that current offices for Catholic Liturgy and Sacraments would not undergo changes, in order to retain the unique Catholic identity of the Department of Campus Ministry.
- The proposed changes would also be aligned with the President Obama’s Interfaith and Service Challenge, which has already begun to be implemented in various ways at Saint Louis University.

Signed,

SGA Mission and Ministry Committee

Written and Submitted by:

Scott Hessel, Mission and Ministry

Co-Sponsored by:

Andrew Bennett, Committee Representative
Amanda Hicks, Committee Representative
Ann Knezetic, Marguerite and Pruellage Halls Senator
Ellen Albritton, Committee Representative
Erin Carroll, Committee Representative
Jon Schwendeman, Committee Representative
Kate Essig, DeMattias Hall Senator
Matthew Belanger, School of Public Health Senator
Michael Schonhoff, Committee Representative
Samuel Hurteau, John Cook School of Business Senator
Sara Patterson, Committee Representative
Stephanie Swinehart, Committee Representative

Pass Fail

Vote Tally by Internal V.P. For Against Abstain *voice vote*

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Vice President for Internal Affairs

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Resolution (SR) 020-12
March 28th, 2012

Intent and Purpose: To create the initiative to donate leftover food from Griesedieck Dining Hall to the Campus Kitchen Project

Whereas, Griesedieck Dining Hall provides board dining options that regularly generate leftovers,

Whereas, there is no regular established system to put leftovers from Griesedieck Dining Halls to productive use,

Whereas, Campus Kitchen coordinates food donations to prepare meals delivered to community groups identified by St. Louis Food Bank and other referral agencies,

Whereas, Campus Kitchen reliably serves almost 2,000 meals and snacks to the Salvation Army Family Haven, Blumeyer Community Center, the Ronald McDonald House, and Council Towers,

Whereas, representatives from Chartwells, Student Government, Alpha Phi Omega, and Campus Kitchen have crafted a plan to use student volunteers to regularly transport food from Griesedieck Dining Hall to Campus Kitchen's location in Reinert Hall,

Whereas, Alpha Phi Omega's endorsement of the initiative as a continuous service site represents a major step towards establishing a consistent source of volunteers for the project.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the Saint Louis University Student Government Association supports the creation of the student-led initiative to donate leftover food from Griesedieck Dining Hall to Campus Kitchen,

Written and submitted by:

Krishi Peddada, Chair, Food Services Committee
Blake Exline, Griesedieck Complex Senator

Co-sponsored by:

Jessica Jones, Marchetti Towers Senator
Erin Eisenhard, Doisy College of Health Sciences Senator
Keilah Johnson, College of Arts and Sciences Senator
Brent Lenny, Commuter Senator
Ann Schmeling, Grand Forest Senator
Katherine Kelliher, Committee Representative
Kyle Bauer, Doisy College of Health Sciences Senator

Pass Fail

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

Matthew Ryan, President _____

Scott Hessel, Vice President of Internal Affairs _____

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) 070-12
March 28th, 2012

Intent and purpose: To provide Korean Student Association with spot funding.

Whereas, the Student Government Association has the authority to allocate spot funding for Chartered Student Organizations,

Whereas, Korean Student Association is a Chartered Student Organization,

Whereas, Korean Student Association submitted a spot funding request of \$208.00 for their trip to MAASU,

Whereas, it is the right of every Chartered Student Organization to submit a spot funding request,

Whereas, spot funding is reserved for “unforeseeable” financial burdens on Chartered Student Organizations,

Whereas, the Finance committee found sufficient need for funding based on the “unforeseeable” nature of this expense,

Whereas, the Finance committee recommends a spot funding allocation of \$208.00 to Korean Student Association.

Therefore, let it be enacted that Korean Student Association receives a spot funding allocation of \$208.00

Written and submitted by:

Jonathan Serpas, Financial Vice President

Co-Sponsored by:

Joe Woster, John Cook School of Business Senator

Ian Paetow, College of Arts & Sciences Senator

_____ Pass _____ Fail

Vote Tally by Administrative V.P. ____ For ____ Against ____ Abstain *voice vote*

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Internal Vice-President

Korean Student Association Spot-Funding Request				
Name	Cost/Unit	Quantity	Amount	SAF Recommendation
Hotels	\$104 per night	1 rooms for 2 nights	\$208.00	\$208.00
Registration Fee	\$45	4 People	Being paid for by KSA	X
Travel	\$20	4 People	Being paid for by KSA	X

Total SAF Recommendation: **\$208.00**

Note: Korean Student Association will be paying for the expenses of the registration fee and the travel to University of Illinois.