

## **DEPAUW STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

### *A Resolution Concerning the First Year Experience, Emphasis on ICCF Program*

#### ***Resolution No. 4***

#### **WHEREAS,**

The current freshman experience program is structured well and the students come to DePauw feeling welcome in their mentor groups but there are still some improvements that can be made. The Intercultural Life Committee of DePauw Student Government would like to see more emphasis put on campus climate and issues of discrimination on our campus. Currently the ICCF representatives work with the Resident Assistants (RA) to conduct meetings throughout the first semester. These meetings are meant to engage the first years into important conversations about race, sexuality, discrimination, and any current events on campus.

#### **WHEREAS,**

DePauw Student Government wants to inform and educate our students as much as we can on the issues seen in media at the time as well as historically at DePauw we believe more can be done. The training for ICCF is sufficient and creates good conversation but we do not believe it is reaching its potential being partnered with the RA programming. The attendance at these meetings are low later into the semester, if this is occurring then the students are not getting the education which the ICCF program strives for.

#### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

The Intercultural Life Committee would like to see a transition with the ICCF program from the RA programming to the Mentor group programming. We believe that participation will be higher if it changes because first year residents feel more comfortable with their mentor groups to discuss these important issues. We also believe attendance itself will be better since they relate mentor meetings to being mandatory and floor events within their buildings as more optional. The mentors also have training to participate in the discussions and help their mentees engage in campus conversations about the important issues our campus is striving to bring into discussion.

This change will not add a lot more commitment to the Mentors, but we believe it will push the students to engage more deeply and the small size of the groups will prove for a better connection between the students.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

Having conversations with mentors and first year residents it is clear that there are places in the current mentor orientation schedule that would benefit from having ICCF representatives in participation. For example when the alumni come and give "Behind Closed Doors" speeches the ICCF representatives would be very helpful to guide conversation of mentor groups during the follow up conversations. With building these early relationships between ICCF representatives and the new students we hope that the campus climate issues can be more freely discussed among not only their mentor groups but the rest of their fellow classmates.

Motioned by:  
Senator Signature:

Aye \_\_\_\_\_

Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by:  
Representative Signature:

Aye \_\_\_\_\_

Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Attested by:

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(Secretary)

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Approved by:

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(President)

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(Executive Vice President)

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