Resolution 1
“On Behalf of Student Expression”

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Whereas: It is the role of the Marquette University Student Government to identify, understand, and actively address and represent student’s needs, concerns, and interests in a manner that contributes to the betterment of the Marquette University community; and,

Whereas: It is recognized that Marquette University, in accordance with its Jesuit values and ideals and in compliance with its Policies and Procedures, reserves the right to monitor and censor expression both on and off Marquette’s campus; and,

Whereas: Marquette University has, in the past, rendered decisions that stifle the opinions and actions of students; and,

Whereas: Some of these decisions have not been in the best interests of the Marquette University student body as a whole nor in the best interests of Marquette University’s national image; and,

Whereas: Individual students have demonstrated concern for the University’s protection of students’ rights to freely express themselves as is apparent from the results of the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction survey administered in March 2005; and,

Whereas: Members of student organizations have voiced discontent with event approval and feel as though they must impose unnecessary self-restraint upon themselves; and,

Whereas: A University environment should be conducive to the exchange of diverse ideas and opinions without fear of reproach and reprisal should exist; and,

Whereas: Decisions passed down by the University that make it increasingly difficult for students to freely exchange their opinions and criticisms in both the realm of academia and outside of the classroom potentially deter quality students from attending Marquette University.

Therefore: Be it resolved that, in order to best serve the interests of the Marquette University student body and to elevate Marquette University to a renowned educational institution, the University be more prudent in the future when rendering decisions that curb freedom of expression.