

Memorandum

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Date: February 24, 2014

Re: A Recommendation for Marquette to Sign the St. Francis Pledge to Care
for Creation and the Poor

On February 20, 2014, the Marquette University Student Government Senate passed a recommendation Marquette University to sign the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor.

Attached is a summary and copy of the legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Senate

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Summary of Legislation

Recommendation #8

Authors: Senator Natasha Hansen, Senator Courtney Guc,
Senator Phillips, Senator Brune, Senator Madeen,
Senator Libera

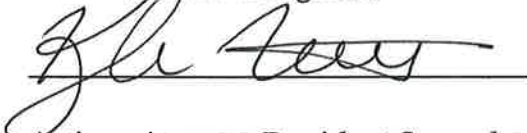
Sponsors:

Senate Committee: Student Life

Action of the MUSG Senate: Approved by Vote of 27-0-0

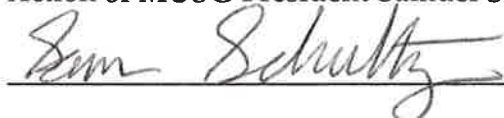
Senate Rationale: The MUSG Senate believes strongly that Marquette University ought to sign onto the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. As a Catholic, Jesuit institution, Marquette is called to care for all of God's creation by increasing sustainability efforts and helping those who need our help the most. The Senate feels this pledge will keep Marquette mindful of its environmental impact and will positively affect its efforts going forward.

Action of MUSG Legislative Vice President Kyle Whelton



Date: 2/21/14

Action of MUSG President Samuel Schultz



Date: 2-21-14

Recommendation #8:

A Recommendation for Marquette to Sign the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor

Author(s): Senator Hansen, Senator Guc, Senator Phillips, Senator Brune, Senator Madeen, Senator Libera

Sponsor(s):

Whereas: It is the role of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) to actively identify and address the needs and concerns of the students; and,

Whereas: Marquette University continually strives to improve sustainable efforts among students and the university; and,

Whereas: The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change's St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor focuses on working against climate change through reducing our carbon footprint, in order to care for the poor who will be affected the most by climate change; and,

Whereas: The St. Francis Pledge works "to encourage greater personal and shared engagement by the Catholic community to respond to the impacts of climate change"¹; and,

Whereas: Many students and the Office of Sustainability are working to adopt more sustainable practices within offices, dining halls, and among students; and,

Whereas: By adopting the St. Francis Pledge, Marquette would further its commitment to actively working to increase sustainability, reduce the impact of climate change, by working within the Catholic, Jesuit mission of the University; and,

Whereas: 23 other institutions, including Loyola University of Chicago and Creighton University,² have adopted the St. Francis Pledge.

Therefore: Let it be recommended that Marquette University adopt The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change's St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor to continue active efforts in regards to sustainability on campus; and,

¹ <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/the-st-francis-pledge/>

² Ibid

Furthermore: Let it be recommended that through the adoption of this pledge, the University will continue to increase sustainability and foster student awareness of our environmental impact.