

Recommendation #2

Center for Jewish Life

- Author(s): Senator Evans, Senator O'Rourke; Jewish Student Union Members Dylan Elhai and Anna Goldstein
- Sponsor(s): Senator Elizondo
- Whereas: It is the role of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) to actively identify and address the needs and concerns of students; and,
- Whereas: The University's Statement on Human Dignity and Diversity reads "Precisely because Catholicism at its best seeks to be inclusive, we are open to all who share our mission and seek the truth about God and the world..." and, "...[a]s a Catholic, Jesuit university, Marquette recognizes and cherishes the dignity of each individual regardless of...faith¹;" and,
- Whereas: In 2012, MUSG passed a recommendation to the University to establish an Islamic Prayer Space on campus to promote diversity and religious inclusivity; and,
- Whereas: The Muslim Student Association advocated for the needs of Marquette's Muslim students²; and,
- Whereas: MUSG has been approached by the Jewish Student Union to assist and advocate for equal opportunities to practice their faith on campus; and,
- Whereas: Currently the Hillel Milwaukee is the nearest space for Jewish prayer, which is located over five miles away and takes 35 minutes by public transit.
- Therefore: Let it be recommended that the Office of University Mission and Ministry work to establish a designated Center for Jewish Life to be located centrally on campus accessible to the entire Marquette Community; and,
- Furthermore: This space should be large enough to host Jewish religious events, such as Shabbat worship and educational programs.

¹ <http://marquette.edu/diversity/statement.shtml>

² Recommendation #3 – Marquette University Student Government Senate (2012)