

RICKETTS WUELAS 2015

Passion • Unity • Identity

“Excellence can be attained if you care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible.”

- Anonymous

As student leaders, we seek to emulate the values and carry the traditions that have made our University rich in history, identity, and character. With this vision in mind, passion will drive us to blaze new trails as we confront some of the most challenging topics and issues of our time. Unity will ground us as members of the Notre Dame family as we seek to guide it in a positive and meaningful direction. Identity will bring us purpose and ambition as we keep moving forward.

Leading with **passion**. Working towards **unity**. Celebrating **identity**.

Community

- Continue the message of the It's On Us Campaign through initiatives that promote bystander intervention and encourage reporting and the use of counseling services
- Hold frequent and regular prayer services to increase visibility and create consistency in our community's support and healing
- Assist the Division of Student Affairs in the reform of *First Year Orientation* (Frosh-O)
- Evaluate the *mental health* resources available through the University Counseling Center and McDonald Center to ensure all students are supported
- *Engage with the South Bend community* in a positive and constructive manner

Accessibility

- *Launch an online forum* that connects students directly to student government departments and school administrators where collaboration provides solutions to student-voiced concerns

- Enact an open door policy in the student government offices and host events that build relationships with students, leading to future collaboration
- Solicit student input and feedback in the process of reforming the current DARTing system
- Evaluate and strengthen the processes associated with *leadership formation* within student government
- Develop ways to connect with *off-campus students*

Identity

- Promote student achievements and stories through social media, invitations to speak, and other forms of recognition in an effort to celebrate students' individual identities
- Hold a faculty and staff speaking series that enables them to share their experiences with others
- Award a monetary prize once every month to a club that makes a difference in the ND community and beyond, culminating in a grand prize at the end of the year
- Endorse the implementation of the 21 points in the Diversity Recommendations from Student Affairs (<http://sadiversityrecos.nd.edu/>)
- Develop an annual *Dorm Week* dedicated to celebrating all dorms on campus
- Foster dialogue and policy that supports *gender and sexual identities*
- Partner with Campus Ministry to promote its resources and support its recent initiative to connect with and *welcome all students*

Support

- Evaluate the use of O'SNAP services in meeting student needs
- Investigate supplementary options for digital communication with NDSP, including apps or texting
- Implement *medical amnesty* policies which encourage students to be active bystanders
- Ensure that each dorm has a dedicated 24-hour study space with a printer
- Pursue options for *meal-swipe rollover* including the availability of multiple swipes during one meal period
- Hold a discussion panel to reveal hidden costs of attendance to understand what these costs represent, bring awareness of any obstacles these costs may bring, and spark a conversation towards addressing these challenges
- Centralize the information surrounding socioeconomic status and the resources available including information for internship funding assistance and study abroad financial assistance
- Promote international clubs and organizations and advertise their events to foster discussion of multicultural backgrounds and experiences