

**Madonna University Student Senate
Resolution**

**Senate Resolution: W17-R3 Date
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A RESOLUTION TO: Add a handicap accessible entrance to the West Wing/Dining area of the Residence Hall.

THE MADONNA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the lack of a handicap accessible entrance on the west side of the University Center building causes several problems for not only resident students, but also commuters, guests, faculty, and staff;

WHEREAS, students on crutches, in wheelchairs, or with other handicaps do not have an easy way to get into the West Wing or Dining Hall;

WHEREAS, a student was moved into a temporary room, located in the East Wing, until their mobility improved because there was no handicap accessible entrance;

RECOGNIZING, if more than one student was injured or another situation came up that required the temporary room, the Residence Hall Staff would have nowhere to put them;

WHEREAS, anyone incapable of using stairs would need to take the East Wing elevator up to the first floor in order to go to the Dining Hall or the West Wing;

WHEREAS, the handicap entrance in the East Wing requires a code to get in and use the elevator, further restricting its use for guests;

RECOGNIZING, a handicap entrance would provide greater, and more reliable accessibility to the West Wing, Dining Hall and even the East Wing if necessary;

BE IT RESOLVED, a larger number of people would be able to use the Dining Hall and injured West Wing residents would not need to change rooms and put further stress on their health;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Madonna University Student Senate and its members support to add a handicap accessible entrance to the West Wing/Dining area of the Residence Hall.

SENATE VOTE TOTALS: 17-0-3



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Policy Proposal
for
“Adding A Handicap Accessible Entrance to the West Wing/Dining Hall”

A RESOLUTION TO:

Add a handicap accessible entrance to the West Wing/Dining area of the Residence Hall.

RATIONALE:

As Madonna University seeks to greatly increase its on-campus student population in the coming years, it should also ensure the needs of current students and faculty are being met. The lack of a handicap accessible entrance on the west side of the University Center building causes several problems for not only resident students, but also commuters, guests, faculty, and staff.

This academic year, all three floors of the West Wing of the Residence Hall were opened to resident students. Currently, students on crutches, in wheelchairs, or with other handicaps would not have an easy way to get into the West Wing. The Dining Hall is also not very accessible to handicapped-

An issue recently came up where a resident injured her leg and required assistance to walk. Since there was no handicap entrance into the West Wing, she was moved into an emergency room, located in the East Wing, until her mobility improved. However, if more than one student was injured or another situation came up that required the emergency room, the Residence Hall Staff would have nowhere to put them. Currently, anyone that is incapable of using the stairs would need to take the East Wing elevator up to the first floor in order to go to the Dining Hall or the West Wing. Additionally, the handicap entrance in the East Wing requires a code to get in and use the elevator, further restricting its use for guests. In the past, the handicap door has been propped open or the security lock disabled so guests could enter. This “solution” opens the University up to a variety of security concerns.

A handicap entrance would provide greater, and more reliable accessibility to the West Wing, Dining Hall and even the East Wing if necessary. A larger number of people would be able to use the Dining Hall and injured West Wing residents would not need to change rooms and put further stress on their health.

A potential site for a handicap entrance would be on the west side of the Dining Hall, next to the staircase (See Image #1). There is a favorable patch of empty space that could be converted into a handicap accessible ramp. This would also require a second, small ramp leading up to the terrace outside the West Wing. The suggested location for this second ramp is marked with a green ‘x’ on Image #2.

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Image 1:



Image 2:

