

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Villanova University
December 4, 2008

PRESENT: Fayette Veverka, chair; Beth Hassell, Nancy Lee, Anna Menard, Terry Nance, Mary Papalaskari, Sally J. Scholz William Stehl,

NIA: Antonia Allsman; Ryan Conway; Lauren Glozzy, Mark Graham, Tom Mogan,, William Werpehowski,

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. SAC 107

1. The committee approved the minutes from the Nov. 6 meeting.
2. After some discussion, the, the committee unanimously approved a proposal for parental leave to be forwarded to the University Senate.
3. Dr. Scholz asked the committee to consider a recommendation to change the wording of Villanova's Alma Mater to make it more gender inclusive. There was unanimous agreement of the need for such a change. The chair, in consultation with Dr. Scholz crafted the following resolution to be voted on at the next Committee Meeting:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

RESOLUTION ON

CHANGING WORD IN ALMA MATER

WHEREAS the words of Villanova University's Alma Mater reading "When the oldest pedagogue Has had his final word" are not representative of a diverse faculty composed of both men and women,

WHEREAS, identification of the "oldest pedagogue" with either Augustine or God are in no way diminished or excluded by changing the word "his" to "the,"

BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate request the Board of Trustees to change the words of the Alma Mater to replace “his” with “the” in the phrase “When the oldest pedagogue Has had his final word” to read “When the oldest pedagogue Has had the final word.”

Villanova Alma Mater

By Al Dubin and Joseph Burke

*When the twilight shadows gather
Out upon the Campus green,
When the blue and purple night
Comes stealing on the scene
Loyal heirs of Villanova
Sing a hymn of praise
To our dear old ALMA MATER
And our College days.*

*Villanova, Villanova
When we leave your shelt'ring walls,
We shall leave an echo ringing
Through your treasured halls
We will leave an echo ringing
In the silent night
While our memories are singing
Of the Blue and White*

*When the last big game is over
And the last roll call is heard
When the oldest pedagogue
Has had his final word
We shall come to ALMA MATER
In our dreams again
With prayer for Villanova
And a sweet amen.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Fayette Veverka