RESOLUTION SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON THE ROLE OF ETHICAL AND
REligious Directives On THE UWMC AND WithIN AFFILIAte HOSPITALS

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WHEREAS the University of Washington and University of Washington Medical Center
is a publicly funded institution charged with the provision of fair, comprehensive, and
full spectrum care, as decreed by Washington State public policy; and

WHEREAS PeaceHealth is an institution which follows Religious and Ethical Directives
for Catholic Health Care (ERDs); and

WHEREAS students at the University of Washington have voiced their concern
regarding the affiliation of the University of Washington Medicine & PeaceHealth, and
the potential impact the affiliation may have on their ability to receive comprehensive
training when placed or working in an affiliated site that follows Catholic ERDs; and

WHEREAS affiliations between public university teaching hospitals and faith-based
medical providers are nearly unprecedented and therefore the future impacts of the
present affiliation are unpredictable; and

WHEREAS previous communication by UW and UWM leadership regarding the
affiliation with PeaceHealth including impacts or lack thereof at UWM facilities on
research, medical training, and medical practice is not easily accessible, contained in
multiple and disjointed online and offline sources, and therefore difficult to understand
as a complete and coherent statement of values

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE:

THAT the GPSS urges the UW and UWM leadership to consolidate all pertinent
statements and announcements regarding the UW-PeaceHealth affiliation in one easily
accessible online location so that the public may clearly understand the nature of the
affiliation between the two organizations; and

THAT the GPSS directs the GPSS President to monitor UW Medicine policy, and in the
event that such policy is altered such that it impacts student training at UWMC and
affiliated facilities, and advocate on behalf of medical and other clinical students as needed; and

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to UW President Michael Young, Provost and Executive Vice President Ana Mari Cauce, CEO of UW Medicine and Dean of the School of Medicine Paul Ramsey, and Chair of the Board of Regents Orin Smith.