



**The Catholic University of America
Student Government Association
2016-2017 Senate Session (2-1)**

Pryzbyla, Great Room A

October 3, 2016

8:00pm-10:00pm

ROLL CALL

Vice President- Lauren Werling
Senate Secretary- Elyse Desrochers
Parliamentarian- Zanas Talley

Class of 2017

Julia Lattarulo	<u>X</u>
Valentina Cordova	<u>A</u>

Class of 2018

Grace Gosnear	<u>X</u>
Brianna Howard	<u>X</u>

Class of 2019

John Connolly	<u>X</u>
Jimmy Harrington	<u>X</u>

Class of 2020

Elise LaFleur	<u>X</u>
Weston Kirby	<u>X</u>

School of Architecture & Planning

Nicholas Procino	<u>X</u>
Robert Sabbagh	<u>X</u>

School of Art and Science

Andrew Elder	<u>X</u>
Kately Javier	<u>X</u>

School of Business

Krishia Anne Examen	<u>X(late)</u>
Cornelius Deep	<u>X</u>

School of Engineering

Joe Longo	<u>X</u>
Cameron Konyak	<u>X</u>

School of Music

Aaron Mackisey	<u>X</u>
Marika Countouris	<u>X</u>

School of Nursing

Sophie Lazicki	<u>X</u>
Patrycja Chmielewska	<u>X</u>

School of Philosophy

Gregory Guilfoyle	<u>X</u>
Vacant	<u>N/A</u>

School of School of Social Services

Frank Gaetani	<u>X</u>
Vacant	<u>N/A</u>

School of Theology and Religious Studies

Marykate McCracken	<u>X</u>
Rory Kaci Martinez	<u>A</u>

X- Here
A- Absent
P- Proxy

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered for the present meeting. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

Any legislative business being presented has been provided to the Vice President at least 24 prior to tonight's meeting and to all other members of the Senate at least 12 hours in advance of tonight's meeting. The Vice President reserves the right to postpone debate of legislation based on the time constraints of the Senate meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

8:04PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

8:05 PM

- A. Public comment will be taken at the start of the session. Comments will be limited to one minute per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, and if applicable naming the college or organization they represent. The Senate may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item at the end of the session. In accordance with Senate bylaws, the Vice President may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of this body, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting, irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

No Public Comments made at this time.

2. Invocation from Mr. CUA

8:15 PM

3. New Business

A. Swearing in of Senators

8:20 PM

**Note: Senator Examen was late, not sworn in at this time.*

B. Adoption of Agenda

8:25 PM

C. Committee Chairman Nominations

8:25 PM

I. Chairman of Rules and Administration Committee

President Pro Tempore / Committee of Rules and Administration Chair

Senate Mackisey nominates Senator Harrington, seconded by Senator Connolly

**Note: Senator Harrington is later re-elected as President Pro Tempore and the Chairman of the Rules Committee. There was an issue with his original election because he was elected a Chairman and not President Pro Tempore, see below.*

II. Chairman of Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Longo nominates Senator Lattarulo, seconded by Senator Howard

-Senator Longo speaking on behalf of Senator Lattarulo noting she expresses concerns about numerous amounts of issues and would be a great fit for this position.

Senator Harrington nominates Senator Mackisey

-Senator Harrington speaking on behalf of Senator Mackisey, he served on the Senate last year as part of Student Life Committee and is well involved on campus

Senator Lattarulo nominated chair on a 10-6 vote with 4 abstentions.

III. Chairman of Student Services Committee

Senator Howard nominates Senator Elder, seconded by Senator Longo

Senator Elder named chair 21-0-0

- Julia Lattarulo ELDER
- Valentina Cordova -
- Grace Gosnear ELDER
- Brianna Howard ELDER
- John Connolly ELDER
- Jimmy Harrington ELDER
- Elise LaFleur ELDER
- Weston Kirby ELDER
- Nicholas Procino ELDER
- Robert Sabbagh ELDER
- Andrew Elder ELDER
- Kately Javier ELDER
- Krishia Anne Examen -
- Cornelius Deep ELDER
- Joe Longo ELDER
- Cameron Konyak ELDER
- Aaron Mackisey ELDER
- Marika Countouris ELDER
- Sophie Lazicki ELDER
- Patrycja Chmielewska ELDER
- Gregory Guilfoyle ELDER
- Frank Gaetani ELDER
- Marykate McCracken ELDER
- Rory Kascy Martinez -

IV. Chairman of Student Life Committee

Senator Howard nominates but does not accept nomination

Senator Mackisey nominates Senator Connolly, seconded by Senator Harrington

-Senator Mackisey speaking on behalf of Senator Connolly, Senator Connolly's involvement on campus with Tower and understanding of SGA allow him to be best advocate

Senator Lattarulo nominates Senator Joe Longo, seconded by Senator Lazicki

-Senator Lattarulo speaking on behalf of Senator Longo, Senator Longo is dedicated to issues, would make strong candidate

Senator Longo wins Student Life Committee Chair on a 10 to 9 vote with 2 abstentions.

- Julia Lattarulo LONGO
- Valentina Cordova -
- Grace Gosnear CONNOLLY

- Brianna Howard CONNOLLY
- John Connolly AB
- Jimmy Harrington CONNOLLY
- Elise LaFleur LONGO
- Weston Kirby LONGO
- Nicholas Procino LONGO
- Robert Sabbagh LONGO
- Andrew Elder LONGO
- Kately Javier CONNOLLY
- Krishia Anne Examen -
- Cornelius Deep LONGO
- Joe Longo AB
- Cameron Konyak LONGO
- Aaron Mackisey CONNOLLY
- Marika Countouris CONNOLLY
- Sophie Lazicki CONNOLLY
- Patrycja Chmielewska CONNOLLY
- Gregory Guilfoyle LONGO
- Frank Gaetani CONNOLLY
- Marykate McCracken LONGO
- Rory Kascy Martinez -

V. Chairman of Dining and Pryzbyla Center

Senator Lafleur nominates Senator Howard, seconded by Senator Elder

-Senator Lafleur speaking on behalf of Senator Howard, she will be best for position because of leadership qualities and unique perspective

Senator Mackisey nominates Senator Konyak, seconded by Senator Harrington

-Senator Mackisey speaking on behalf of Senator Konyak, she is experienced and attentive to needs of student body.

Senator Konyak wins Dining/Pryz Services Committee Chair on an 8 to 7 vote with 6 abstentions.

- Julia Lattarulo HOWARD
- Valentina Cordova -
- Grace Gosnear KONYAK
- Brianna Howard AB
- John Connolly KONYAK
- Jimmy Harrington KONYAK
- Elise LaFleur HOWARD
- Weston Kirby HOWARD

- Nicholas Procino KONYAK
- Robert Sabbagh HOWARD
- Andrew Elder HOWARD
- Kately Javier KONYAK
- Krishia Anne Examen -
- Cornelius Deep AB
- Joe Longo AB
- Cameron Konyak AB
- Aaron Mackisey KONYAK
- Marika Countouris KONYAK
- Sophie Lazicki AB
- Patrycja Chmielewska HOWARD
- Gregory Guilfoyle AB
- Frank Gaetani KONYAK
- Marykate McCracken HOWARD
- Rory Kascy Martinez -

President Pro Tempore / Committee of Rules and Administration Chair

**Note: re-vote due to a stipulation in the rules that President Pro Tempore is elected and will also serve as Rules Chair, not vice versa as was originally done during the first nomination/vote.*

Senator Cameron Konyak nominates Senator Harrington, seconded by Senator Joe Longo

-Senator Mackisey speaking on behalf of Senator Harrington, he has experience to do the job, knows the rules, and supports the rules

Senator Elder nominates Senator Howard, seconded by Senator Lafleur

-Senator Elder speaking on behalf of Senator Howard, she is able to represent everyone differently

Senator Harrington elected President Pro Tempore/ Rules and Administration Chair on a 14 to 3 vote with 4 abstentions.

- Julia Lattarulo AB
- Valentina Cordova -
- Grace Gosnear HARRINGTON
- Brianna Howard AB
- John Connolly HARRINGTON
- Jimmy Harrington ABSTAINED
- Elise LaFleur HOWARD
- Weston Kirby HARRINGTON
- Nicholas Procino HARRINGTON
- Robert Sabbagh AB
- Andrew Elder HOWARD
- Kately Javier HARRINGTON

- Krishhia Anne Examen -
- Cornelius Deep HARRINGTON
- Joe Longo HARRINGTON
- Cameron Konyak HARRINGTON
- Aaron Mackisey HARRINGTON
- Marika Countouris HARRINGTON
- Sophie Lazicki HARRINGTON
- Patrycja Chmielewska HARRINGTON
- Gregory Guilfoyle HOWARD
- Frank Gaetani HARRINGTON
- Marykate McCracken HARRINGTON
- Rory Kascy Martinez -

D. Confirmation of Executive Appointments

8:40 PM

I. Matt Skros, SGA Secretary

Secretary Matt Skros appointed by Kristina
Confirmation of Matt Skros, 21-0-0.

4. Reserved Time

A. Senator Aaron Mackisey, School of Music (Legislation 001)

8:45 PM

Resolution 001: A resolution to encourage the creation of an Academic Holiday on November 8, 2016

- Allows students to go home to go vote in the elections; will be considered absence
- Allows faculty and staff time off to cast ballot without needing to take personal time

Senator Connelly speaking on Resolution 001

- If administration approves it, it should be enacted for all future election years

Senator Lattarulo speaking on Resolution 001 (question)

- Will the resolution be implemented this year? Senator Mackisey says that is his goal.
- Senator Lattarulo continues, could the day of be made up later on before finals (similar to Administrative Monday's/snow days). Senator Mackisey said that decision would be made by the Provost.

Senator Connelly introduces amendment so that all future Presidential Election days in years to come will be included in this resolution.

Amendment: Finally, that all future Presidential Election days be considered Academic Holidays for students, faculty, and staff.

Seconded by Senator Procino
 Amendment passes 19-0-2

Senator Konyak point of clarification on Resolution 001

- Will it be implement for all further election years?

- Senator Howard responds that the resolution will be for every presidential year of elections only.

Motion by Senator Mackisey, seconded by Konyak to vote on legislation

Point of order during vote: Senator Examen is excluded for all votes because she missed swearing in. Confirmed, Senator Examen may not vote at this time.

Legislation 001 passes with 8-0-13.

- Julia Lattarulo A
- Valentina Cordova -
- Grace Gosnear Y
- Brianna Howard A
- John Connolly Y
- Jimmy Harrington Y
- Elise LaFleur Y
- Weston Kirby A
- Nicholas Procino Y
- Robert Sabbagh Y
- Andrew Elder A
- Kately Javier A
- Krishia Anne
- Examen -
- Cornelius Deep Y
- Joe Longo Y
- Cameron Konyak Y
- Aaron Mackisey Y
- Marika Countouris Y
- Sophie Lazicki A
- Patrycja Chmielewska A
- Gregory Guilfoyle A
- Frank Gaetani Y
- Marykate McCracken Y
- Rory Kasey Martinez -

B. Senator John Connolly, Class of 2018

8:55 PM

- Members of community walked a mile in shoes of survivors of sexual assault yesterday, great turnout
- 1/5 and 1/71 men victims of sexual assault while in college
- 95% victim knows predator
- Many situations involve alcohol

- Needs more discussion of sexual assault
- Senators have a great power to make change; encourage constituents to attend events on sexual assault, encourage SGA to become more involved in these events.

Yields floor

5. Open Floor

9:05 PM

Senator Harrington: note

- Spoke on his issue with abstentions
- Every member of this Senate is entrusted by constituents to be their voice, make that count by voting on legislation
- Asks for senators to give yays/nays in lieu of abstentions

Senator Elder: note

- People chose to abstain because they were unsure of their legislation.

Senator Konyak: note

- Excited for new year, new senate

Senator Mackisey: note

- Is not against abstentions, if reservations are because bill was unclear, ask questions in order to gain clarification, or table to bill until the following week. We don't always have to vote on legislation just because it has come to the floor.

Senator Lafleur: note

- Reminds Senators that they are here to represent their constituents

Senator Javier: note

- Invites senators to consider a town hall be organized in order to get a better sense of what is needed by constituents

Senator Konyak: point of clarification

- Is it similar to Town Hall given by President Garvey, or do individual town halls with constituents?
- Senator Javier: this is something that can be discusses, the majority can decide how the town hall can be organized.

Senator Mackisey: note

- Trouble with music library; the library is not open on the weekends.
- Similar issues with science and architecture, both have closed this year.
- Concerned because it is necessary to do class work in the library
- Collected 210 signatures from School of Music Students to give to the Provost to discuss the issues
- Ask students of other schools to consider a joint petition to keep libraries open.

Senator Mackisey: question

- Do bylaws allow for Zanas, a parliamentarian, to give advice concerning how meetings should be run?
- Vice President Werling: Zanas is at all meetings to give points of clarifications and advice concerning procedures and following rules. She will clarify this before next meeting to ensure that he is allowed to take part in the meetings.
- Senator Harrington: points to the bylaws, believes he is allowed to take part as long as he is not directly speaking to Senate.
- Senator Mackisey: suggests we write a parliamentarian into the bylaws.

Senator Procino: note

- Architecture students lost library, they are holding contest to repurpose the area to make it a study room or work space and involve students in redesigning the space.
- Senator Longo: Believes that students of various schools should bring issue of library hours open.
- Vice President Werling: Academic Senate meets once a month, library issue did come up and will continue to come up; Music library is tentatively set to close; VP Werling and Chair for Academic Affairs Committee will be meeting to discuss and will both be available for further discussion.

Senator Mackisey: motion for portion of public comment at end of meetings

- VP Werling does not accept motion

Vice President Werling: Notes on Senate meetings and other procedures.

- Senator meetings are every other week; 24 hours before an agenda will go out. All legislation is due by 8pm the Sunday before. All request for Reserved Time need to be emailed by 6pm on the Monday of the meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be emailed out within 1 week of the meeting.
- Next meeting will be in Great Room A at 8pm

Senator Mackisey motions for public comment, seconded by Senator Longo

- **Motion passes 21-0-0**

Public Comment: Cameron, Freshman, Schools of Arts and Sciences

- School (not to be named) down the road provides unlimited access to metro as part of an increased activity fee. SGA should look into doing something with this program as well.
- Senator Harrington: decided on additional fees in December, likely it will be added for second semester
- Senator Mackisey: a bill was introduced last year but was vetoed by the president of SGA, but it something worth revisiting.

Public Comment: Sean Calabria, Junior, School of Arts and Sciences

- Former bill that was introduced did not have an opt-out program from students with cars etc. and was limited to six dollars a day on the WMATA system. These were some of the main reasons why it was not passed at the time.

Public Comment: James Benedek, Senior, School of Arts and Sciences

- Give VP Werling a big hand, be courteous towards her. Remember that it is 26 of you versus just one of her, but also remember you are here to speak on behalf of your constituents so if something needs to be said don't be afraid to speak up.

Public Comment adjourned

6. Adjournment

9:15 PM

Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Longo

Seconded by Senator Connolly

Motion passes 20-0-1

Meeting adjourned