



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

Pryzbyla, Great Room A

October 17, 2016

8:00pm-10:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

School of Business

Krishia Anne Examen	<u>X</u>
Cornelius Deep	<u>X</u>

Class of 2017

Julia Lattarulo	<u>X</u>
Vacant	<u>X</u>

School of Engineering

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

Class of 2018

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

School of Music

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

Class of 2019

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

School of Nursing

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

Class of 2020

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

School of Philosophy

Gregory Guilfoyle	<u>X</u>
Vacant	<u>-</u>

School of Architecture & Planning

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

School of School of Social Services

Frank Gaetani	<u>X</u>
Vacant	<u>-</u>

School of Art and Science

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

School of Theology and Religious Studies

Marykate McCracken	<u>X</u>
Rory Kacy Martinez	<u>X</u>

Key:
X- Here
E- Excused
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.

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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

8:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:01pm

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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

8:15 PM

Motion by Senator Konyak to adopt agenda, seconded by Senator Connolly- 8:02 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes

8:20 PM

Monday, October 3rd, 2016 Senate Meeting (2-1)

Motion by Senator Longo and Second by Senator Elder to adopt minutes for last week- 8:03 p.m.

4. New Business

A. Confirmation of Senate Appointments

8:25 PM

I. Class of 2017

Motion for nomination for Marjan Koffa as Class of 2017 Senator

Motion by Senator Lattarulo, Second by Senator Howard

Unanimous confirmation 21-0-0

II. School of Philosophy

III. School of Social Services

B. Swearing in of new Senators

8:30 PM

Swearing in of Senator Koffa, Senator Examen, Senator Martinez- 8:05 p.m.

5. Committee Reports

8:40 PM

Committee Reports- 8:06 p.m.

A. Rules and Administration Committee- Senator Harrington

Rules and Admin update by Senator Harrington

- Asked for those to who want to be on the committee to email him

B. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Lattarulo

Academic Affairs update by Senator Lattarulo

- Meeting with Senator Mackisey and Vice President regarding the university libraries this week.

C. Student Services Committee- Senator Elder

Student Services updated by Senator Elder

- Met with financial aid, they want more outreach and working on program called SALT that would allow students to get support/advice at any time. They are updating phone systems to allow for greater availability; Committee will try to send out financial aid packages as early as March.
- Housing services would like to do a focus group on a housing plan, looking for those interested; need to decide if we would like to update cable contract; created mobile app for CUA students to pick out housing.
- International Student Scholars would try to bring together international students; develop a stronger buddy program; working on a global festival that would allow for several Embassies to visit CUA, develop an Embassy tour program to see culture firsthand, would like to get a meditation/prayer room.
- Enrollment services would like to work with outreach, registration is in two weeks, would like help with social media so that people know about the date for registration; would like SGA to help with tabling, including tabling for voter registration, create a focus group to update Cardinal Station so third parties can access it (i.e. parents).

D. Student Life Committee- Senator Longo

Student Life update by Senator Longo

- If anyone is interested in student life committee, please contact Senator Longo
- Hopes to pass resolution later on tonight to improve student life (naming streets on campus to allow for more safety and better accuracy)

E. Dining and Pryzbyla Center Committee- Senator Konyak

Dining and Pryz Services update by Senator Konyak

- Meets once a month with dining services to talk about improvements yes , including Pod and Starbucks
- If anyone is interested, contact Senator Konyak.

Vice President encourages all Senators to sign up for committee after the meeting

6. Reserved Time

A. Senator Joe Longo, School of Engineering (Resolution 002)

8:55 PM

Presentation of Resolution 002- 8:15 p.m.

- Sponsored by Senator Longo, Co-sponsored by Senator Connelly

- Resolution to introduce street names on campus streets with names that reflect aspects of student life on campus, CUA alumni etc.
- Advocates for this because uber/delivery people are unable to find residents on campus. Emergency vehicles also have trouble locating places on campus.

Senator Guilfoyle- question

- How much it will cost?
- Response by Senator Longo: Unsure of cost, but intends to reach out to department of transportation.

Senator LaFleur-question

- What is the plan of action so that resolution is enacted quickly?
- Response by Senator Longo: If passed, it will go to administration and administration will decide how it will be implemented.

Senator Elder- question

- Is there a way we can include the history of CUA when naming the streets? This could be used to entice administration to implement resolution.
- Response by Senator Longo: It's an interesting idea

Senator Javier- question

- Have you talked with administration to see if it is likely to be implemented?
- Response by Senator Longo: Talked with DPS and Mike Allen, who both seem interested.

Senator Lafleur- question

- Why haven't they named the streets on campus? Could this be done alongside the Alumni Association to bring back some names that reflect history?
- Response by Senator Longo: Once the resolution is passed, Senator is not sure SGA has a say in decided how the streets are named. We can advocate on its behalf to associations.

Senator Howard-question

- Would the naming of the streets be under the jurisdiction of the university?
- Response by Senator Longo: the university controls Streets, naming streets would be up to the University if inside the campus.
- -If was not in tandem with city, wouldn't only be for the students (i.e. not on GPS and maps)
- If streets are name, what if city becomes involved- will it control parking?
Response by Senator Longo: No

Senator Konyak-question

- -Would you want to implement street signs on campus or signs that indicate where streets are?
- Response: Both

Senator Javier-question

- -Is there anyway to gauge that the student body would like this resolution?
- Response: It is a good idea, something to be considered.

Senator Howard motions to table this resolution.

- Believes it needs more time to be developed.
- Seconded by Senator Procino

Senator Elder motions to override tabling of resolution.

- Senator Harrington answers since the motion has already been voted onto table there is no need (the motion will either pass or fail).

Vote by role for motion to table resolution

Point of inquiry: voting to approve tabling, Vice President correct.

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

2 yays-21 nays-1 abstention
Bill is not tabled.

Senator Harrington motions to vote and seconded by Senator Lafleur

• Julia Lattarulo	Y
• Marjan Koffa	Y
• Grace Gosnear	Y
• Brianna Howard	Y
• John Connolly	Y
• Jimmy Harrington	Y
• Elise LaFleur	Y

- **Weston Kirby** Y
- **Nicholas Procino** Y
- **Robert Sabbagh** Y
- **Andrew Elder** Y
- **Kately Javier** Y
- **Krishia Anne Examen** Y
- **Cornelius Deep** Y
- **Joe Longo** Y
- **Cameron Konyak** Y
- **Aaron Mackisey** Y- PROXY
- **Marika Countouris** Y
- **Sophie Lazicki** Y
- **Patrycja Chmielewska** Y
- **Gregory Guilfoyle** N
- **Frank Gaetani** Y
- **Marykate McCracken** Y
- **Rory Martinez** Y

Legislation passes, 23-1-0

B. Senator John Connolly, Class of 2019 (Resolution 003)

9:05 PM

Senator Connolly presenting Resolution 003: 8:33 p.m.

- Resolution allowing for purchase of SGA t shirts for all SGA members by executive authority
- Price of \$900 for all t-shirts

Senator Guilfoyle- question

- Is it worth it to spend \$900?
- Response by Senator Connolly: Useful at events for people to find SGA members easily

Senator Chmielewska- question

- What would money go towards if money was not passed
- Response by Senator Connolly: the use of funds would be decided by the executive

Senator Elder-question

- Why did the cost go up since last year? It was around \$700 last year
- Response by Senator Connolly: The number of SGA members have gone up, also design of t-shirt
- Senator Elder notes that we only have two branches but the legislation says three
- Response by Senator Connolly: We have two branches, the legislation is wrong.

Senator Howard-question

- Will these shirts be obligatory at events?
- Response by Senator Connolly: Would be expected
- Would we be required to wear to Senate?
- Response: No

- How was the money raised>

Senator Longo motions to suspend rules so President can explained, Second by Senator Lattarulo
Senator Harrington opposes
Passes 23-1-0

President Pinault explains: money is coming out of last year fundraising because fundraising has not yet begun. Two fundraising events are soon occurring. Money for t-shirts will be less than half of all money fundraising. This administration's goal is that we leave more money in account that was in our account at beginning of this year; a nice tradition.

Senator Elder-question

- Treasury board is part of executive branch and not separate from executive according to contract?
- President Pinault: correct

Senator Javier-question

- Are we voting for the funding of the shirts?
- Response: yes
- Can we make the message more prevalent than the school year?
- President: This is the most aesthetically pleasing design we came up with.
- Senator is going to push her idea. Believes the year is not important because SGA should be timeless.
- Vice President: we are only voting on funding, if you have problem with the design, please feel free to talk to Pres/VP after the meeting or via email

Senator Guilfoyle: question

- -Can we get re-usable wear?
- Response by President: It would be more expensive to buy a durable piece of clothing that can be passed along; it's nice to have a shirt and the money is not coming out of student activities, it is coming out of fundraising.

Senator Chmielewska: question

- -How many shirts?
- There will be about 90 shirts. When bill was written, we didn't know exactly how many more people because of the new task forces, new senators next semester etc. (it will account for a couple extras that will replace members who go abroad.)

Senator Lattarulo motion to reinstate the rules, second by Senator Lazicki

- Unanimous to reinstate, 24-0-0

Senator Lattarulo motion to vote seconded by Senator Connolly on Resolution 003

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

Legislation passes, 23-1-0

C. Senator Andrew Elder, School of Arts & Sciences (Resolution 004) 9:15 PM

Senator Elder presents Resolution 004- 8:51 p.m.

- Resolution to introduce a tuition guarantee program to allow students to have a good picture of the cost of attendance throughout their college career.
- Idea is that tuition will be frozen for students from the year they enter onwards.
- Several universities have introduced this program, ranging from 4-5 years, and include those in the military.
- Make CUA a more unique university, may attract more students.
- Depending on how the resolution is implemented, room and board may not be impacted.

Senator Harrington- question

- Is it the purpose of student government to dictate tuition?
- Response by Elder: it is our purpose to represent student body, as such, this resolution represents the interests
- Senator Harrington argues introducing resolutions that aren't likely to pass may not be good for 'bargaining-power' of SGA
- Response by Elder: important to bring up because it a concern for student body

- Will a symbolic legislation decrease our credibility with the administration?
- Response by Elder: No

Senator Howard-question

- Have you looked into contracts between staff and university? Discusses how staff in state schools in PA is on strike because they are not getting paid. Should this bill be tabled until more research can be done?
- Response by Senator Elder: Would welcome more research

Senator Lafleur-question

- Why does the text of resolution not include the concern about including room and board into the tuition program
- Would this change how the university bills students, will it affect departments and many different areas of the university?
- Response: It would affect departments because it would control the amount of money, which could be used.

Senator Longo-question

- In your research, how many of the schools were private?
- Response by Elder: As a rough estimate, about 8-10 were private
- Of these schools, do you have records of how private schools did financially after tuition program initiated?
- Response by Elder: Has not yet been able to find this information
- Response by Elder: The tuition increases by class more than it would if tuition was raised for all students.
- How could it negatively affect the university?
- Response: It would likely not be negatively affected because an increase in tuition for increasing classes would negate any losses

Senator Procino: question

- Would the tuition increase too much for incoming classes?
- Senator Elder: Cannot judge how much it would go up, that would be the university's decision

Senator Lattarulo: question

- How long have universities been doing this?
- Response Senator Elder: Longest is Texas A&M, which has been doing it for 6 years.
- Does this indicate that we cannot yet know if this program is successful?
- Response by Senator Elder: Tuition rates go up no matter what, Senator foresees that it is possible.
- Is this probable in the long run?
- Response by Senator Elder: Appreciates these points

Senator Lazicki: question

- If we bring this to the school, it may be realistic if we say 4. For students that graduate early, would this be affected?
- Response by Senator Elder: has not seen this in research, but plans to ask GW when they contact it.
- If students live off campus, how will this affect off campus students?
- Response by Senator Elder: Off campus student will not have to pay room and board.

Senator Connolly: question

- Will this impact financial aid?
- Response by Senator Elder: Financial aid will remain the same. Require more research, but should not change because financial aid depends on family income, etc.
- Senator Connolly believes it should be table for a future date.

Senator Konyak-question

- Will this apply to current students?
- Response by Senator Elder: it will not apply to us, but it will be better off for future students.

Senator Javier motions to table this bill, seconded by Senator Lazicki

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

This motion passes 23-0 -1

D. Senator Marykate McCracken, School of Theology

9:25 PM

Senator McCracken has the floor- 9:14 p.m.

- -Notices we do not pray, is proposing that we pray at the start of each meeting and the end of each meeting.
- The US Senate prays before each session, they have their own chaplain. Even US Senate recognizes the need for God

Senate Elder- point

- We are not all Catholics, we must allow for diversity of faiths, prayer is not appropriate

Senator Konyak- point

- Though CUA is compiled of different religions, so is the US and the US Senate

Senator Sabbagh- point

- Though we are CUA and there are different religions represented here, we can still pray

Senator Lattarulo-point

- -This is Catholic University, it is a Christian university, we can pray
- -Perhaps we only pray once, beforehand.

Senator Connolly-point

- -No problem starting with prayer, if we wanted to do it in the way US senate does it, we can do it in a way that includes all faiths. We should still acknowledge all faiths

Senator Harrington-point

- -We are under no obligation to include all faiths.

Senator Lafleur-point

- -Senator McCracken has good point, but we should formally include it at the beginning of the meeting.
- -Believes we should include prayers that are inclusive of all prayers, that way it is inclusive to all.

Senator Gosnear-point

- Would you be leading the prayer?
- Response by Senator McCracken: I would be happy to lead it, but it could also rotate and allow for those of different faiths to lead it.

Senator Javier: point

- As double major in Politics and Theology, she agrees that prayer is important and is validated by US Senate.
- Being spiritual chair for CUA allies, the pressure to try and lead a prayer that is inclusive to all in the room is very difficult. Best way to implement prayer is if we could ask campus ministry to appoint someone to lead prayer so that Senators are not pressured to take place.
- Response by Senator McCracken: would be happy to make a prayer, it should be voluntary.

Senator Guilfoyle: point

- Prayer shouldn't offend anyone, anyone who does not want to pray can abstain.

Senator Martinez: point

- If it could be a conflict, Senator Martinez or McCracken could be the ones to lead the prayer so as not to put pressure on other Senators

Senator Elder: point

- Senator wants to clarify, he is not against prayer, wishes that Senators are more inclusive. To have students of different faiths to be in SGA, we should be inclusive.

Senator Kirby-point

- Argues that any Catholic prayer is inclusive. We should be able to pray as Catholics.

Senator Martinez-point

- It is the Catholic University of America

Senator Longo-point

- Can I motion to vote on this issue

Vice President- answer: There is no piece of legislation at hand, therefore no vote can be called.

Senator Javier: point of inquiry

- How to implement this?
- Response by Senator Harrington: can be introduced as part of the agenda

Senator Javier: point of inquiry

- Will not be able to move on in agenda if we continue to disagree?
- Response from Senator Harrington: that is correct

Senator Procino: point of inquiry

- Can we introduce this as part of agenda?
- Response by Vice President: We work under Robert's Rule of Order. I can add it myself without an amendment.

Senator Konyak motions to move forward seconded by Senator Connolly

Vice President Werling in the essence of times motions to move forward to finish other agenda items.

E. Senator Jimmy Harrington, Class of 2019

9:35 PM

Senator Harrington has the floor: 9:36 p.m.

- Constitutionally obligated to notify Senate that will be introducing amendment to change Constitution; goal was just to fix clerical, grammatical, and wording errors that were made in the Constitution.

Senator Howard: question

- Will you include old constitution highlighted with what was changed?
- Response by Senator Harrington: Yes

7. Open Floor

9:45 PM

Open Floor- 9:39 p.m.

Vice President asks that we do not bring up things that have been tabled.

Senator Elder- WMTA doing a survey. We should get out the word so that students can take part in surveys and attend the public hearing.

Question: Senator Procino

- What are the time slots?
- Response by Senator Elder: concerns when the metro will open and close

***Senator Longo motions to allow public comment, seconded by Senator Elder
This motions passes by all- 9:30p.m.***

Zanas Talley, Junior, Arts and Science Student

- Thinks it's a great idea to pray. Also provides details about parliamentary procedures regarding his role in the Senate as well as adding Prayer.

Greg Weaver, OCA Program Coordinator and SGA Adviser

- -First generation student conference April 8th, if you want to go, please see Greg
- Lauren has the rights to move along if there is not a vote on legislation needed
- Job opening in his office, see Greg or email if interested

Sean Calabria, Arts and Science Student

- Two branches of government must highlight the third branch that has interpretation of the constitution.
- Greg as an adviser was not represented by the students, and so a third body must be formed to perform leadership and interpret constitution
- Vice President: Greg does not interpret constitution. Greg is specifically advisory one, he does not rule over SGA. Interpretation come from the Senate, VP, and President

Motion to reinstate rules of debate by Senator Porcino, Second by Senator Longo

Motion passes unanimously

Senator Howard- point of inquiry

- -Greg is an employee of the school in OCA, OCA is office of campus activities

Motion to adjourn by Senator Harrington seconded by Senator Longo

Motion passes by all unanimously

8. Adjournment

10:00 PM

Session adjourned, 9:47 p.m.