



The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2016-2017 Senate Session (2-3)

Pryzbyla, Great Room A
October 24, 2016
8:00pm-10:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

Class of 2017

Julia Lattarulo X
Marjan Koffa X

Class of 2018

Grace Gosnear X
Brianna Howard X

Class of 2019

John Connolly X
Jimmy Harrington X

Class of 2020

Elise LaFleur X
Weston Kirby X

School of Architecture & Planning

Nicholas Procino X
Robert Sabbagh X

School of Art and Science

Andrew Elder X
Kately Javier X

School of Business

Krishia Anne Examen X
Cornelius Deep X

School of Engineering

Joe Longo X
Cameron Konyak X

School of Music

Aaron Mackisey P
Marika Countouris X

School of Nursing

Sophie Lazicki X
Patrycja Chmielewska X

School of Philosophy

Gregory Guilfoyle X
Vacant -

School of School of Social Services

Frank Gaetani X
Patricia Halloran X

School of Theology and Religious Studies

Marykate McCracken X
Rory Kacy Martinez X

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.

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

8:03PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:03PM

PRAYER

8:04PM

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.

Public Comment- 8:04 p.m.

Cavan -Politics Major, Arts and Science

- Metro shutdown through November 22
- Will affect travel for the entire community.
- Urges Senate to look at ways for CUA students to look at way to get students to metro stations

Senator Elder- response

- Survey ends tomorrow for metro
- Uber and Lyft will be doing prorated discounts while metro is closed

2. Adoption of Agenda **8:15 PM**

Amended Agenda 8:07 PM

Motion to amend agenda to fill vacancy for School of Social Service by Senator Gaetani, seconded by Senator Lattarulo

- Agenda amended 24-0-0

Adopt Agenda 8:08 PM

Motion to adopt agenda by Senator Longo seconded by Senator Elder

- Agenda adopted 24-0-0

3. Approval of Minutes **8:20 PM**

Monday, October 17th, 2016 Senate Meeting (2-2)

Approval of minutes 8:09PM

Motion by Senator Lafleur, seconded by Senator Harrington

- Minutes approved 24-0-0

4. New Business **8:25 PM**

A. Adoption of Robert's Rule of Order for the 2016-2017 Senate Session

Adoption of Robert's Rule of Order 8:10PM

Motion by Senator Longo seconded by Senator Elder

- Robert's Rule of Order adopted 24-0-0

B. Nomination of School of Social Work Senator (added to agenda)

Nomination for School of Social Work 8:10PM

- Nomination of Patricial Halloran by President Pinault
- Motion to vote on nomination by Senator Lafleur, second by Senator Connolly
- Nomination approved 24-0-0
- Swearing in of Patricia Halloran to the second seat for the School of Social Work

5. Committee Reports **8:30 PM**

Committee Reports 8:11PM

A. Rules and Administration Committee- Senator Harrington

No new business at this time

B. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Lattarulo

Meeting with VP Welring and Senator Mackisey about library hours

Will schedule a committee meeting to discuss library hours in the coming week

C. Student Life Committee- Senator Longo

No new business at this time

All committee members need to stay after session to schedule meeting

D. Student Services Committee- Senator Elder

Still looking for new members for the committee

- Working on SALT for housing
- Cable contract will be for next semester because will be creating selection committee
- Registration starts in second week of November for classes, remind your constituents to check their account for hold and such.
- There is a new student portal to choose housing
- The health center is working on finalizing physical therapists
- Working to push mediation room with ISSS, supported by a number of student orgs, will be presenting resolution.

E. Dining and Pryzbyla Center Committee- Senator Konyak

Meeting with dining services next week.

- Thursday November 4 a meeting will be held for the public to discuss improving the Pryz. Please let constituents know.
- Will be accepting questions for any dining service via email
- DSAB dinner is set. Information is on our social media and website.

6. Reserved Time

A. Senator Jimmy Harrington, Class of 2019 (Constitution)

8:50 PM

Senator Harrington- Constitutional changes 8:16 p.m.

- See documents detailing proposed constitutional changes

Senator Elder- point of clarification

- Section 1, Clause 1- how should this be worded?
- Response- should be worded as is.

VP Werling- point of clarification

- Need Motion to amend article 4, clause 5 to add the word “to”

Motion to amend Article 4, Clause 5 by Senator Connolly, Second by Senator Porcino

- Motion passes 25-0-0

Senator Chiemlewska, point of clarification

- Article 2, Section 6: should the date be written differently?
- Response: dates are used interchangeably throughout the document; it is fine how it is written

Senator Kirby

- Article III, Removal from office, there is a typing mistake
- Motion to amend by Senator Konyak, seconded by Senator Kirby
- Motion passes 25-0-0

Motion to vote on amended Constitution 8:42 p.m.

- Motion by Senator Longo seconded by Senator Connolly
- Amendments unanimously pass the Senate, 25-0-0

VP Werling: all changed will be posted online shortly. The amendments will then go to a full student body vote within 30 days. Announcement on such will be made shortly.

B. Senator John Connolly, Class of 2019 (Resolution 005)

9:20 PM

Senator Connolly has the floor for Resolution 005 8:42 p.m.

- Resolution requesting modification to library hours
- Sponsored by Senator Connolly and Senator Lazicki
- Library open during the week but is not available on the weekends, especially on Sunday nights

Senator Javier- point of inquiry

- Is this just for Sundays, or all weekend long?
- Response: The resolution is specifically for Sunday evening. Senator Connolly would be interested in extending the hours on other weekend nights as well.

Senator Procino- point of inquiry

- What are the additional costs?
- Response: Discussed with Senator Lattarulo, lacks clarity on operating budget on libraries because of closures within the whole system
- Response by Senator Lattarulo: The budget is askew because smaller libraries (Nursing Libraries) are being moved to Mullen Library. Proposes we table this resolution so we can get clarity

Senator Connolly- point of clarification

- Proposed possibly tabling the legislation to allow for more discussion with Senator Lattarulo and the Academic Affairs Committee.

Senator Howard- point of inquiry

- Would this be a certain part of the library?
- Response: The stacks close at 11:30 but the building stays open stay open for students. It would be like this for Sunday night.

Motion to table resolution 005

- Motion by Senator Elder seconded by Senator Harrington
- Motion passes 25-0-0

7. Open Floor
Open Floor 8:49 PM

9:40 PM

Public Comment

- Motion to allow public comment by Senator Longo and Senator Elder
- Passes 25-0-0

Floor recognizes President Pinault

- Since Constitutional amendment passes, the Constitution must go to the student body within 30 days
- Senators will be required to table in the Pryz the day that the student body votes on the amendment. Sign-ups will go out within the coming weeks.

Floor recognizes Greg Weaver

- Congratulations, thanks for hard work of all the Senators involved in revising the Constitution.
- Please feel free to use Greg as a resource, especially if you are bringing a resolution to the Senate floor.

Floor recognizes President Pinault

- Dean Davey and Frank Vinick will be hosting “Whole 9 Yards” Q&A session in Pryz 327, please attend and ask any questions
- *A Road to Home* will be showing tomorrow in the Pryz, Allies event

Motion to end public comment and reinstate rules

- Motion by Senator Connolly seconded by Laturulo
- Motion passes 25-0-0

Senator Laturulo- point

- Academic Affairs committee members please stay after the meeting to set up next meeting.
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Senator Connolly- point

- 7 p.m. OCA and CUAllies will be hosting *A Road to Home* which is a movie discussing LGBT homelessness followed by a panel with the Director and a center for homeless LGBT people. Great Room B, tomorrow.

Senator Howard-point of inquiry

- Can we sit down rather than yield?
- Response: must yield

Senator Elder- point

- Please stay after meeting for student services committee

Senator Examen- point

- Decision on creating an academic holiday on election day

- Response: because the academic calendars set year in advance, will not pass for this year but could be enacted. If administration decides to give off election, could take off day from inauguration day (possibly). The issue has been discussed with Dean Jennings and Provost Abela, both are aware of the legislation.

VP- point

- Please rise when you want to speak and wait to be recognized before speaking

Senator Howard- point of inquiry

- Do we have to raise our hand?
- Response: A senator must stand to ask a question or address a topic. If you have a procedural question, clarification, point of order, you can raise your hand. Both times you must wait to be recognized.

Senator Lafleur- point

- Thanks everyone for listening and passing amendment

Senator Elder- point

- Will we be doing a gathering/friendship day with all branches of SGA?
- Response: We covered that with training. Its very difficult to get 90+ people together at any given time as well as to get a space large enough for such.

Senator Procino- point

- Thanks Constitutional committee and thanks Senator McCracken for leading prayer.

8. Adjournment

10:00 PM

Motion to adjourn 8:59 PM

- Motion by Senator Harrington seconded by Senator Elder
- Motion passes 25-0-0