



**The Catholic University of America
Student Government Association
2016-2017 Senate Session (2-4)**

Pryzbyla, Great Room A

November 7, 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>U</u>

Class of 2017

Julia Lattarulo	<u>P</u>
Marjan Koffa	<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>X</u>
Marika Countouris	<u>P</u>

Class of 2019

John Connolly	<u>X</u>
Jimmy Harrington	<u>P</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>
Ron Howard	<u>X</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>
Patricia Halloran	<u>X</u>

School of Art and Science

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

School of Theology and Religious Studies

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

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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

8:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:00PM

PRAYER

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.

Public comment- 8:02 PM

Sean Calabria, School of Arts and Sciences

- Explanation of money leftover in SGA budget that was to be used for water bottle stations. Why was did SGA buy

VP Werling, response

- Green task force is working on implementing on water fountains, money was not an issue so we were able to use the funds elsewhere.

Sean, how is money being spent?

President Pinault, response

- Pryz management is offering to contribute money towards water bottle stations, so there is no need for budgeted money.

- 2. Adoption of Agenda** **8:15 PM**
Adoption of the agenda- 8:05 PM
- Motion by Senator Longo, second by Senator Konyak
 - Motion passes 24-0-0
- 3. Approval of Minutes** **8:20 PM**
Monday, October 24th, 2016 Senate Meeting (2-3)
Approval of minutes-8:05 PM
- Motion by Senator Connolly, seconded by Senator Longo
 - Motion passes 24-0-0
- 4. New Business**
- A. Confirmation of Senate Appointment** **8:25 PM**
I. School of Philosophy
Confirmation of Senate appointment- 8:05 PM
- School of philosophy- Ron Howard
 - Motion to vote by Senator Howard, seconded by Senator Elder
 - Motion passes 24-0-0
- B. Swearing in of new Senator** **8:30 PM**
Swearing in of Senator Ron Howard- 8:06 PM
- 5. Reports** **8:40 PM**
A. Treasury Board, Treasurer Maddy Quidzinski
Treasury Board- Maddy Quinzinski 8:07 PM
- Treasury board allocates money from Student Activity fee to undergraduate activities.
 - Meets weekly
 - Group can come with a presentation for an activity to which funds can be allocated.
 - Treasury board votes for funds to be allocated.
 - This year, we have one senior, three juniors, three sophomores and hoping to add one more freshman.
 - After a presentation, the Board will deliberate and a vote is called (Quorum, 5 voting members, is needed). TB decided whether to allocate in full, partially fund with a different number, table the request or not at all.
 - Groups are then contacted by their specific TB Liaison regarding the request before working with OCA on any other logistics.
 - A funding request is normally for a specific event or multiple events and should include itemized list of all projected activity expenses.
 - An operating budget for a club or organization can be submitted throughout the year, but usually at the beginning of the semester.
 - Most clubs come in one time for an operating budget, and then come back in for funding request for specific events throughout the year.

- Every group that is registered through OCA is entitled to a 100 operating budget that they are open to use, but must come in to TB and explicitly ask for that 100 operating budget.
- Treasury Board follows a set of bylaws which include the eligibilities for clubs and organizations as well as what you can and cannot request for.
- Article 5, Section 1, which states that “An organization must fill out a funding request form on the NEST five (5) days prior to the next scheduled Treasury Board meeting. In extraordinary circumstances, it is at the discretion of the Treasurer to decide if a student organization may be allowed to submit a funding request past the five (5) day requirement.”
- Remaining TB budget: \$58,000. This number may be slightly alarming, however TB has allocated for most of the bigger events for the year, (i.e. Capitol Fest, Mistletoe Ball, and Senior Week). At this point last year, we had the same amount of money left in our accounts.
- On average, we fund about 90% of each presentation that has come in to present.

Senator Lafleur- point of inquiry

- The treasury board meets on Monday night- is it always meeting on nights of senate sessions?

Treasurer Quidzinski, Response

- It meets every week on Mondays at 8. All are welcome.

Senator Elder- point of inquiry

- How can changing bylaws represent students?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- The board allows for feedback and consideration. The changes made in bylaws are often clarifications of things that happen in meetings and presentations. It is representative because of the way in which the boards were elected.

Senator Connolly- point of inquiry

- The five-day request occurs before the meeting?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- Yes, that is correct.

Senator Connolly- point of inquiry

- With certain events, does treasury board have a starting point or estimation of amount they will probably allocate for these events.

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- We don't have an estimation technically, but we often look back to the year before to see how much was allocated. We do have a ballpark range based on past years.

Senator Mackisey- point of inquiry

- What is the opinion of treasury board in situations where individual students ask for funds?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- This does occur, but individuals must show that the funds would be available for all students to use.

Senator Mackisey- point of inquiry

- Does treasury board describe why allocations were or not given?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- Yes, Maddy sends an email with amount requested, amount allocated, vote, and reasons why allocations were cut from amount requested.

Senator Mackisey- point of inquiry

- Is description written into bylaws?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- No, but it is tradition.

Senator Howard- point of inquiry

- How are you dealing with fact that this year's freshman class is so small?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- We are on track in terms of last year in terms of allocating funds compared to past years.

Senator Howard- point of inquiry

- Why does program board receive such large allocations?

Treasurer Quidzinski, response

- Program board receives many allocations because they are planning majority of events aimed at undergraduate students. In addition, program board is required to regularly plan events (every Thursday).

***Treasurer Quidzinski and the rest of TB depart to attend their own meeting. VP Werling finishes answering questions on the TB presentation.*

Senator Elder-point of inquiry

- Over 129,000 has already gone towards program board, why has program board received so much funding?

VP Werling, response:

- Program board is receiving much because they are doing more presentations to treasury board.

Senator Elder-point of inquiry

- Was capital fest funded through this year's activity fees or last year's?

VP Werling, response

- She will have to check with Maddy.

Senator Elder-point of inquiry

- It could be problematic that since the total amount of fees brought in are down, treasury board has not been

Senator Mackisey- point

- Having worked with smaller organizations, they don't always try to put on events of the same size as program board. There is an appeals process that exists to assure that all presentations are evaluated in cases where the organization feels they were wrongly

Senator Elder, response

- Why has everything been cut 10% that has been presented?

VP Werling, response

- Do not think that is accurate, must be checked with Maddy.

Senator Longo, point

- Works with Colleges against Cancer, one of the smallest organization on campus but puts on one of the largest events for the student body. CAC does need to go through Treasury Board for funds and is successful in their large request just like PB.

Senator Lafleur- point of clarification

- When organizations earn money through ticket sales, do they have to give that money back to treasury board.

Senator Mackisey, response

- Ticket sales must be returned to treasury board.

VP Werling, closing remarks

- Realizes some questions have not been fully answered. Feel free to email her or Treasurer Quidzinski via email and we will get a response to you asap as well as follow up with the full Senate.

B. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Dr. Jairath and Dr. Vorwerk

Provost Undergraduate Curriculum Committee- Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk 8:38 PM

- The curriculum is being revised for all undergraduate programs by the undergraduate curriculum committee.
- The committee is comprised of representatives from every school at the university.
- A Catholic education is part of the curriculum- often times students and faculties think that is what the requirement for Theology and Philosophy are for. In reality, it is an aspect of the university that is present in all curriculum.
- Committee is aiming for more consistency in curriculum, make more clear how classes from different departments/areas of studies can be brought together.

VP Werling, point of clarification

- The two speakers are chairs of the committee and are looking for student and faculty input.

Senator Mackisey- point of inquiry

- School of Music course Studio X is a type of townhall that all undergrads have to attend to bring in guest speakers and receive important information. No credit is given for the class but all students are required to go.

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- Committee does not believe that is something they can directly address. The feedback can be passed on to Prof. Weaver.

Senator Longo- point of inquiry

- What degree do you have the ability to change things academically?

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- The provost charged committee with designing a new general education curriculum. There will be consultation with the deans of the various schools and any proposals will have to be brought to the undergraduate board. The aim is to develop proposal by the end of the academic year to present to these bodies during the Academic 2017-2018 and implement Fall 2018. A skeleton is being developed of courses in general and then what type of material goes into the curriculum.

Senator Connolly- point of inquiry

- How long after graduation do you contact alumni for their feedback?

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- Students have been approached first and alumni have not yet been contacted. Alumni surveys have been sent out but the data will still need to be analyzed.

Senator Connolly- point of inquiry

- Was the committee considering including more computer science into curriculum?

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- First step has been to develop learning outcome goals. Last spring, a document was approved. Three main goals: knowledge, skills, _____. Computer science would fall under skills. Put simply, yes. The use of technology is addressed in the document.

Senator Lafleur- point of inquiry

- Do you see a focus group being formed to get feedback from students not present tonight?

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- One has not been organized but easily can be.

Senator Halloran- point of inquiry

- If students have questions or concerns, how can they get in contact.

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- E-mail either of presenters would be helpful. Committee does not yet have a communication strategy delineated yet. Method of informing could be to occasionally present at senate sessions.

VP Werling, response

- Can also contact Lauren or Kristina.

Senator Gosnear- point of inquiry

- What is being done for potential of classes being cancelled in small majors?

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- That is more a topic for specific schools. There will always have to be sections of the same course in order for students to be able to take important classes that are required for graduation. Will be brought to dean of undergraduate studies.

Senator Gaetani- point of inquiry

- Do you take into account the ease in which transfer students can complete graduation requirements at CUA.

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- We do recognize the need to revise approach, but the broad framework of curriculum needs to be established first.

Senator Howard-point of inquiry

- Why are internships not required in School of Politics? This would be beneficial after graduation of students?

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- Internships are often needed to prepare students for professional career. It is part of the major requirements. In certain disciplines, internships are not specific. The question is how to make internships available to students. This is something career services should handle, and it would be a major hassle for the university to implement.

Senator Howard-point of inquiry

- The foreign language requirement is something that holds some students back because it limits the amount of other classes available.

Dr. Jairath, Dr. Vorwerk, response

- The way the curriculum works now is that students should leave school at an intermediate language. It is believed that it is important for students to learn other cultures, and a fundamental part of that is language learning. It is unlikely for the foreign language requirement to go away. Foreign language is particular to certain programs because of its practical use.

C. Rules and Administration Committee- Senator Harrington

Update given by VP Werling, nothing to report at this time.

D. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Lattarulo

Update given by Senator Mackisey

- Too late to save Nursing and Architecture libraries. Nursing will close at holiday break.
- In January, the scanners from the school of nursing will be hopefully be moved to the School of Music library to track student attendance.
- Trying to figure out what to do with the space, the administration wants it to be class space, some students want it to be study space.
- Resolution 005 was discussed during committee meeting, will be discussed and maybe amended at next committee meeting.
- Discussion on midterm bill will happen at next committee meeting. A further update will follow.

E. Student Services Committee- Senator Elder

Update by Senator Elder

- SALT program has given website link.
- Registration notifications has been sent out via social media to remind students to register for next semester courses.
- Potential of cameras in elevators in dorms because elevators are often vandalized/destroyed.
 - Idea was brought up to install cameras in dorms, but this was set aside because people were concerned about privacy.
- If anyone has concerns about postal service on campus please send questions ASAP, meeting happening next week.
- Kane center hopes to expand intramural sports throughout DC, not only on campus.
- Trying to increase the Let's Talk drop-in appointments with counseling center from 2 to something greater.
- Working on combating depression in freshman year through expanding the freshman counseling program.
- Working with Saudi student association on cultural night program in cooperation with ISSS.
- Speaking about mediation room later in this session.
- Tuition program will be discussed next week.

Senator Mackisey, point

- A number of people in school of music never received their absentee ballots, although not sure if it is because of the US postal service or CUA postal service.

VP Werling, response

- Packages and postal service are two different services.

Senator Connolly, point

- Thinks elevator cameras are a good idea because they are often vandalized, fully supports it.

Senator Lazicki, point

- She works in the mail room; she is aware of issues with packages. There is a faculty and student side. Sometimes students do not receive packages because there is an issue with

how the packages are divided between faculty and students. Also an issue when housing services does not update postal office about location of students. All mail we get is first sent to postal service on 12th St.

Senator Martinez, point

- Senator Martinez did not receive absentee ballot; this is an issue that needs to be dealt with.

VP Werling, update: Student health services has launched an online portal. You can schedule appointments, look up lab work and more on this. More information will be coming soon to the entire student body,

F. Student Life Committee- Senator Longo

Update from Senator Longo

- Discussed idea of a DPS shuttle running from CUA to Fort Totten. DPS said no because they do not go off campus.
- Covered bike racks is something that will be discussed at next committee meeting.
- Cameras for elevators are a great idea. The two committees will work jointly on this.

Senator Chmielewska, point

- The shuttles provided by the metro are free and run often. The buses are also reliable and only cost \$1.75. If anyone has questions, ask Senator.

Senator Elder, point

- Lyft is doing discounted ride. He is trying to get CUA students a prorated discount to go between metro stops.

Senator Chmielewska, response

- There is a lot of redtape with the Lyft discount. You are limited to 20 rides on prorated discount with Lyft.

Senator Procino, point

- The discounted code for lyft is “CUA”

Senator Howard, point

- The elevator is a community space; it is an invasion of privacy. It will not be solved by a camera in an elevator, will only make members of the community alienated. Potential of a slippery slope of camera.

Senator Procino, point

- It is invasion of privacy, but most would be willing to give up privacy in a public space and ensure that students do not have to pay for people that vandalized the elevator.

Senator Elder, point

- Amnesty concept would apply to the elevators. students caught drinking on elevator will not be punished, but those who vandalized elevator will be punished.

Senator Mackisey, point

- Flather residents had to pay extra \$50 to repair elevator and other costs were incurred by other things vandalized. Administration must agree to not monitor elevators for signs of drunkenness and cameras should be limited to the elevator.

Senator Konyak, point

- Lives in opus and often finds that things are vandalized. Thinks that senators should take to constituents about a plan to ensure things are not vandalized.

Senator Longo, point

- If it were implemented, cameras would be for accountability purposes. If proper authorities have reason to believe something suspicious activity occurred, that's when they check cameras. The cameras would not be constantly monitored.

G. Dining and Pryzbyla Center Committee- Senator Konyak

Update from Senator Konyak

- November 10th, DSAB event will occur from 6-7pm. Come ask questions and get some free food.
- Committee meeting after this session.

Senator Mackisey- point of inquiry

- Will Aramark be renewing their contract; can SGA be involved in this decision to renew the contract?

Senator Konyak, response

- Believes the contract has been signed.

VP Werling, response

- Will check to see if contract is up this year.

Senator Lafleur- point of inquiry

-Clarifying the meeting on Thursday cardinal catering will be provided, will be a sort of town hall to improve all things in the pryz

6. Reserved Time

A. Senator Andrew Elder, School of Arts & Sciences

8:55 PM

Senator Elder, Reserved time 9:35 p.m.

- Asking if SGA interested in an Uber pilot program, which could be available for Mistletoe Ball and other large events.

Senator Mackisey, point of inquiry

- Who would be requesting money?

Senator Elder, response:

- Program board, SGA would be requesting money.

Senator Mackisey, point of inquiry

- Article 6, Section 4/6: area of grey area. This program would depend on the decision of the treasury board. Maximum of <\$500 will be covered by treasury board. Does not think treasury board giving the money.
- Does not think it is necessary to cover cost of transport to Mistletoe.

Senator Koffa, point of inquiry

- Each student would get \$5 rides?

Senator Elder, response:

- No, it's a discount.

Senator Howard-point of inquiry

- If metro is reopened at this point, money should be given to students to take the metro as well.

Senator Procino- point of inquiry

- Uber would cost \$12 to get to the Ritz with Uber.

Senator Mackisey-point of inquiry

- People would split Ubers, so not everyone would need their own code.

Senator Procino- point of inquiry

- Is there a way to sign up by a certain time and the code could be given only to the people who reserve?

Senator Longo- point of inquiry

- Uber is a spur of the moment thing; it would be difficult to try to plan Uber group in advance.

Senator Sabbagh- point of inquiry

- Metro is only two blocks; people should just take metro.

Senator Elder, Meditation Room

- Meditation room legislation will be present on December 5. Father Jude and ISSS and Center for Cultural Engagement and other cultural organizations will come to the meeting.
- Will also start a petition because an exact location even though it will not be determined by SGA but the administration.

Senator Konyak, point of inquiry

- Where?

Senator Elder, response

- That would not be up to us, the administration would decide. The aim is for it to be centrally-located.

Senator Guilfoyle, point of inquiry

- How will it be organized?

Senator Elder, response

- Pews along wall, open space for mats, etc. Sacred scripture on podium. No mass, no group prayers, open to individual to come and pray. Hopes to replicate St. Francis of Assisi

Senator Longo, point of inquiry

- How do you prevent people from desecrating the room?

Senator Elder, response

- The room will be monitored by DPS, etc.

7. Open Floor

9:15 PM

VP Werling, updates 9:55PM

- Next senate meeting will not take place on November 21.
- Special Session next Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00pm.
- Constitutional amendments will be made available next week. Senators required to table.
- T-shirts here. Only spent \$370 on shirts although \$900 was allocated.

Senator Mackisey- point of inquiry

- Where will extra money not spent on shirts go?

VP Werling, response

- Still in fundraising account.

8. Adjournment

10:00 PM

Motion to adjourn

- Motion by Senator Lazicki, second by Senator Procino
- Motion passes 25-0-0

Session adjourned 9:57 p.m.