



The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2016-2017 Senate Session (2-8)

Pryzbyla, Great Room A

February 6, 2017

8:00pm-10:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

School of Business

Krishia Anne Examen X
Cornelius Deep X

Class of 2017

Devon O'Toole X
Marjan Koffa X

School of Engineering

Joe Longo X
Olivia Giangiordano X

Class of 2018

Andrew Nagode X
Brianna Howard X

School of Music

Aaron Mackisey X
Elizabeth Andrews X

Class of 2019

John Connolly X
Jimmy Harrington X

School of Nursing

Sophie Lazicki X
Patrycja Chmielewska A

Class of 2020

Elise LaFleur X
Weston Kirby X

School of Philosophy

Gregory Guilfoyle X
Ron Howard X

School of Architecture & Planning

Nicholas Procino X
Robert Sabbagh A

School of Social Services

Matt Finely X
Patricia Halloran X

School of Art and Science

Andrew Elder X
Cavan Hagerty X

School of Theology and Religious Studies

Marykate McCracken X
Rory Martinez X

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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

8:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:01 PM

PRAYER

8:02 PM

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 8:03 PM

Chris Mulchaey, Class of 2017

- How much funding is left for this academic year?
- VP: unsure of the number, will touch base with Maddy Quidzinski and get back to you.

Sean Calabria, Class of 2018

- Voices strong opposition to Resolution 013
- Voices strong opposition to Bylaw changes regarding removing the word "hearings"
- Voices opposition to what he believes is a return to SAGA

James Benedck, Class of 2017

- Constitution says the President shall fill vacancies with consent of the Senate, when a senator resigns they must submit a letter, then the Senate shall present a nomination and each nomination will be voted on.
- Proposes the nomination of Sean Calabria to fill the vacancy for the School of Arts and Sciences seat.

Kristina Pinault, SGA President

- Discrepancy James is presenting is a merging of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution supersedes the Bylaws, and so the Executive has followed the nomination process outlines in the Constitution.

James Benedck, Class of 2017

- There are 26 Senators who can interpret the nomination process in a different way.

Point of Order, Senator Harrington and Senator Mackisey

- Move open floor to the start of the agenda to allow other Senators to speak on this issue

2. Adoption of Agenda

8:15 PM

Adoption of Agenda 8:16 PM

Motion to amend the agenda

- To move open floor to item number 4 on the agenda by Senator Harrington, seconded by Senator Mackisey.
- Motion passes unanimously

Adoption of new agenda

- Agenda is adopted with abstentions by Senator Elder and Martinez

3. Approval of Minutes

8:20 PM

Monday, January 23, 2017 (2-7)

Adoption of Minutes 8:18 PM

Minutes are approved unanimously

4. Adoption: Open Floor

Senator Mackisey

- The ability to interpret the Constitution is not up to the Chair of Rules and Admin, it is at the discretion of the Executive

Senator Harrington,

- We are currently amending the Bylaws because it does not lay out a clear nomination process. Thus, the Executive has followed the process as outlined in the Constitution.

Senator Howard

- Considering we just found out about the nomination when the agenda went out why are we filling it so soon?
- VP: We're not trying to rush the nomination but want to fill the seat as quick as possible to have a full Senate again.
- Howard: nominates Sean Calabria for the seat.

Senator Connolly

- President Pinault has reached out to the Senators throughout the nomination process. He does not think that this is rushing, but have worked collectively to fill the vacant position.

Senator Elder

- He has known about Javier's resignation and was speaking with Pinault and Werling.
- Finds it concerning that the discrepancy is only being discussed now and not when other nominations were being made.

Senator Harrington

- He also received Javier's letter of resignation and verbally submitted names to the nomination. It was a process with foresight.

Senator Lafleur

- She would like to thank Pinault and Werling to fill these seats because the Senate is less effective if the body is not full.
- She thinks the nomination process should be discussed at the beginning of the academic school year

Senator Harrington

- Response to Howard, we could not seat a Senator the same day as nomination.

Senator Mackisey

- Response to Sean's comment about SAGA, does not think he represents the student body.
- Would like to request more time from a Senator.
- Procino gives Mackisey more speaking time.

Senator Howard

- When did Javier resign and how quickly was she vetting? She would like to motion to push back the nomination. Note: nominations can't be tabled, but the vote can be tabled.

Senator Procino

- School of Architecture has come up with a mentoring program and is off to a good success. He is looking forwards to giving you updates with this program.

5. Confirmation of Senate Appointments

8:25 PM

Confirmation of Senate Appointments 8:29 p.m.

VP: Kately Javier has resigned through a letter. Pinault would like to nominate Cavan HAgerty*, a first year politics major with experience in SGA.

Senator Lafleur

- HAgerty deserves this seat, is a hard worker, is dedicated, has the best interest of the CUA community at heart.

Motion to vote on the nomination by Harrington and Connolly

- Howard votes no, O'Toole, Procino, Elder, Examen, Longo, Giorgeringafas, Martinez abstains
- Motion passes

Senator Mackisey

- Will he sit tonight?
- VP: Yes

Senator Procino

- Do you have to have it on the agenda, we did it last time?
- VP: It's up to my discretion to have it fall under confirmation appointments.

VP request James leave the chamber as he is being a disturbance to the rest of the body, he removes himself.

Vote on Nomination

- Nomination passes
- 17 yays, 2 absences, 6 abstentions- Howard, Elder, Examen, Longo, Giangiordano, Martinez

6. Reports

8:35 PM

Committee Reports- 8:43 p.m.

A. Relay for Life- Tommy Dibenedetto

Relay for Life

- Colleges against Cancer, Cancer free Christmas, Relay for life, etc.
- Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society
- Provides anecdote about why he relays
- Hopes to have 1000 participants, 75 teams, and a monetary goal of \$7,500.

- Important dates: This thursday, Hannan 106 @ 7:00 for team captains, April 21st is the Relay
- Top four teams get on site tents, free food voucher.
- Teams that raise a hundred dollars win a t-shirt and get a table at the event.
- VP: SGA has a relay team, please sign up.

B. Rules and Administration Committee- Senator Harrington

Senator Harrington- Rules and Admin

- Hearing are not going away, also will be adding position of parliamentarian into the bylaws.
- Talk to him after with questions

C. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Mackisey

Senator Mackisey- Academic Affairs

- Members are sending out letters to schedule meetings with their deans
- Should be decided in Resolution 008 at next meeting to present to open floor
- The Office of Development hired someone to help with development in the Music School and the Department of Art.
- VP: In talks with provost about library hours

D. Student Services Committee- Senator Elder

Senator Lafleur- Student Services

- For postal services, the hours have changed.
- Housing services deposit were due yesterday; February 24 lotteries become available, April 4 is sophomore lottery
- Cardinal Red Cross will be working with the Kaine and has asked SGA to assist
- Check on holds or your housing lottery will be high

Senator Halloran

- Regards to Resolution 011, if you are interested in working on that, please contact her because she will be working on it.

Senator Elder

- He is letting committee members speak to better prepare them
- ISSS and Counseling Center are available for students affected by the Trump executive order
- VP: There are solidarity bracelets available

E. Student Life Committee- Senator Longo

Senator Longo- Student Life

- Met with DPS to discuss motorized bikes
- DPS has started enforcing motorized bikes on campus
- DC law places limits on people on motorized bikes

- Zones will be made motorized bike parking- Mail room, McMahon, Opus, Ryan, and O'Boyle.

F. Dining and Pryzbyla Center Committee- Senator B. Howard

Senator Howard- Dining and Pryz

- Meeting last Thursday went well
- Fixing POD milkshake machine, sushi can be customized, turkey burgers are back, vegetarian options are being added, more waffle toppings, additional ketchup dispensers, meatballs 3x per week.

7. New Business

New Business 8:53 PM

A. Senator Andrew Elder, School of Arts & Sciences (Resolution 012) 9:00 PM

Senator Longo left at 8:54 p.m. and returned 8:55 p.m.

Resolution 012- power outlet charging stations in Murphy's lounge-Elder

- The whole left side needs outlets.
- Has talked to Bill Jonas who likes the idea but would want option 3, which would add outlets from the floors.

Motion to amend Resolution due to a grammar error by Senator Harrington

- This motion passes unanimously.

Motion to vote on Amendment by Lafleur and Procino

- This motion passes unanimously.

Senator Connolly

- Supports resolution
- Do you envision a station like the one by the POD or ones on the floor?
- Response: Not the one like the POD
- Cost estimate?
- Response: No, not yet.

Senator Examen

- Suggests we have outlets that are similar to the ones on tables in the library
- There are also couches that have ports in them.
- Response: Has looked into this, but since there is a shortage of outlets it makes it more difficult.

Senator Hagaerty

- Would this make Murphy's closed so that the electricity could be rerouted?
- Response: No, they wouldn't be doing work during the school year.

Senator Longo

- From a contracting point of view, it would probably be difficult to redo the electrical work. The furniture would be a good idea, but they would be stationary, so the furniture would not be able to be moved for events, etc.

Senator McCracken left at 9:04 p.m.

Senator Lafleur

- The outlets should be aesthetically pleasing but it should also be completed timely. She thinks a cost-efficient alternative should be put in place.

Senator Howard

- We are voting on raising this issue to the contractors, we should not be choosing the design

Motion to vote by Senator Howard and Senator Hagaerty

- Senator O'Toole and Senator Finley abstain
- Resolution 012 passes

B. Senator Aaron Mackisey, School of Music (Resolution 013)

9:10 PM

Senator Martinez left the room 9:09 p.m.

Resolution 013- Mackisey- 9:08 p.m.

- Establish position of parliamentarian
- Would like to speak on concerns raised during public comment: This would not give parliamentarian any power over the chairmen of rules and admin, it's primarily an advisory role

Senator Connolly

- In the clause "Whereas, parliamentarian" can this be changed from Vice President to President of the Senate?
- Does that make him a sitting senator?
- Response: No, it does not.
- As said, we are dealing with a bylaw reform, but believes the real purpose of the parliamentarian is purely advisory. As such, he does not believe that he would need to be a member of the body

Motion to change Vice president to President of the Senate by Connolly

- This motion passes unanimously

Vote on amendment

- This amendment passes unanimously

Senator Hagerty

- Strong supports resolution, the position of a qualified parliamentarian is an important decision.

- During the public comment, someone mentioned the parliamentarian has added chaos. He disagrees, thinks that the presence of a parliamentarian makes it more organized.

Senator Harrington

- “Member of the Senate” in the bylaws is used to refer to Senators. As such, this resolution should be sent to Rules and Admins so that the wording can be clarified.
- Response: Ask that you send the changes to the body before the omnibus bill.

Senator Howard

- Zanas should not technically be at the front of the meeting? (Past the rail)
- Response: At the discretion of the VP.

Motion by Senator Procino and Senator Elder to suspend rules of debate to allow Zanas to speak

- Koffa abstains, this motion passes, Mackisey nays

Zanus

- He would be a present member, not a present member of voting. His job would be to advise Werling in carrying out Robert’s Rule of Order. He also advises on reforms to the bodylaw. He is the parliamentarian because he was appointed by Pinault, like the Senate Secretary, Elyse Desrochers, a dedicated student servant, is.

Motion to reinstate rule by Senator Elder and Senator Mackisey

- This motion passes unanimously

Senator Elder

- If he has already been doing this, why is it being addressed now?
- Response: Mackisey thought it was important to address the issue now.
- Believes Rules and Admin should look at this Resolution.

Senator Mackisey

- Once Zanas leaves, he does not think it will be difficult to find a parliamentarian.

Senator Elder

- Zanus has been on SGA for three years, so he knows the Constitution. Other parliamentarians in the future may not know the Constitution as well as Zanus.

Senator Lafleur

- Supports particularly the second clause, believes she would benefit from being allowed to discuss the rules during a session.

Senator Howard

- He will sit there no matter if we vote or not?
- Response: Yes

- Difference between Chairmen of Rules and Admin and the Parliamentarian?
- Response: Zanas is advising the VP, Rules and Admin can redirect VP during the Session if goes off procedure.

Motion to send bill to rules and admin by Senator Connolly and Senator Longo

- This motion passes unanimously.

Vote on the motion to send to rules and admin

- This motion passes unanimously.

C. Senator Andrew Elder, School of Arts & Sciences (Resolution 014) 9:20 PM

Resolution 014- Elder 9:29 p.m.

- New coca cola machine

Senator Connolly

- Because we exceed purchase of \$2200 a week, you say we don't provide enough options. He disagrees.
- Logistically, this could take a long time to fill drinks up because there is only one spout.

Senator Harrington

- Is there a correlation between freestyle machines a higher sales.
- Response: Because there are more options, people are more likely to purchase a drink.

Senator Procino

- It would take to long to fill up your cup. He has spoke to several constituents to get feedback and they disapproved this bill because it would take too long.
- It doesn't taste the same
- How much of the profits actually go to the university? Doesn't it go to Aramark?
- Response: It's only for the food court, not for the Student Restaurant

Senator Hagaerty

- If we as a body are going to stand behind this, the cost should be a consideration. We should know how much this is going to cost on the long term. Would this affect the cost of meals in the downstairs pryz?

Motion to send this to Dining and Pryz Services by Senator Howard and Senator Procino

- This motion passes unanimously.

Vote to send this to committee.

- This vote passes unanimously.

D. Senator Aaron Mackisey, School of Music (Reserved Time)

9:30 PM

Reserved Time- Mackisey 9:40 p.m.

- Met with the Catholic Arts Council and has a couple of goals that he would like to share:
Looking for people interested in art, emerging artists, they are in the fifth year of a 10-year strategic plan, the plan includes a performance arts space.
- Will be proposing legislation next session, send e-mail if you'd like to cosponsor.

8. ~~Open Floor~~ ~~9:40 PM~~

Agenda was amended, this was added above.

VP announcements

- Sign up for the Relay for Life team, thanks for coming to the Solidarity event, DPS moped legislation went into effect January 18, Office of Personnel Management will be on campus for recruitment, promoting dating doctor event, water bottle station has been put in place, check out the events on the website.

9. Adjournment

10:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Senator Elder and Senator O'Toole

- This motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment- 9:46 p.m.