



The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2016-2017 Senate Session (2-10)

Caldwell Auditorium

March 13, 2017

8:00pm-10:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

School of Business

Krishia Anne Examen ☐ ☒
Cornelius Deep ☐ ☒

Class of 2017

Devon O'Toole ☐ ☒
Marjan Koffa ☐ ☒

School of Engineering

Joe Longo ☐ ☒
Olivia Giangiardano ☐ ☒

Class of 2018

Andrew Nagode ☐ ☒
Brianna Howard ☐ ☒

School of Music

Aaron Mackisey ☐ ☒
Lizzy Andrew ☐ ☒

Class of 2019

John Connolly ☐ ☒
Jimmy Harrington ☐ ☒

School of Nursing

Sophie Lazicki ☐ ☒
Vacant ☐ ☒

Class of 2020

Elise LaFleur ☐ ☒
Weston Kirby ☐ ☒

School of Philosophy

Gregory Guilfoyle ☐ ☒
Ron Howard ☐ ☒

School of Architecture & Planning

Nicholas Procino ☐ ☒
Robert Sabbagh ☐ ☒

School of Social Services

Matt Finely ☐ ☒
Patricia Halloran ☐ ☒

School of Art and Science

Andrew Elder ☐ ☒
Cavan Hagerty ☐ ☒

School of Theology and Religious Studies

Marykate McCracken ☐ ☒
Rory Kacy Martinez ☐ ☒

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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

Sean Calabria

- Bill 002, Senate bylaws
- Need 12 hours for legislation to go out, only received at 2PM today
- Don't think anyone has had time to fully read it
- Remove from the agenda for tonight
- Took issues with committee hearings, and that hearing are being taken out
- Harrington said that hearing are being taken out, but they are being taken out

2. Adoption of Agenda

8:15 PM

Adoption of agenda

- Motion by Senator Procino, second by Senator Connolly
- Adopted unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

8:20 PM

Monday, February 20, 2017 (2-9)

Adoption for minute approval

- Motion by Senator Hagerty, second by Senator Procino
- Adopted unanimously

4. Reports

8:35 PM

Committee Reports

A. Rules and Administration Committee- Senator Harrington

Rules and Admin- Senator Harrington

- Report will be in bylaw report

B. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Mackisey

Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Mackisey

- Meeting with university librarian, looking over hours resolution
- Working on music library hours
- Study Abroad office- cutting programs, one of them London dramatic academy, no concrete conversations between the departments. Trying to work to remedy this

C. Student Services Committee- Senator Elder

Student Services- Senator Elder

- Housing, lottery numbers have gone out
- Summer courses are open as well

D. Student Life Committee- Senator Longo

Student Life- Senator Longo

- Kirby and VP met with Dr. Allen and Dean Sawyer about PSAs and HSAs , got approval, but in planning stages

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

Dining and Pryz- Senator Howard

- Next DSAB will be on March 30th
- SEcond to last DSAB meeting for the year

5. Old Business

A. Senator John Connolly, Class of 2019 (Resolution 008)

8:55 PM

Resolution 008- Midterm Exam Period

- Referred to Senator Mackisey's committee, sent back to Senate
- Read out by Senator Connolly
- Set a specific period of time for midterm assignments

Senator Connolly

- Had conversation with Senator Mackisey, concerned with language that the VP is not allowed to negotiate and that the consent of the senate is required

- Senate does not have the power to make the determination, and I would like to ammended this language
- Want this sent back to the committee

Senator Hagerty

- Member of AA committee
- Very productive meeting with Dean Dominguez, but it will not be accepted by A&S schools
- Wants professors to make the decision
- Does not see legislation going anywhere

Senator Connolly (responding)

- Two weeks structure was an example, fully agree and understands school concerns

Senator Harrington

- Met with “collective laughter” and that even if it passes, it would never be implemented

Senator Examen

- Met with Dean Bowman, all professors against it

Senator Howard

- If this were to pass, it would put more pressure on the students
- Might pressure professors to schedule a midterm they otherwise wouldn't have

Senator Mackisey

- Fear that they may want to limit it to one week or to a term we would not be comfortable with

Senator LaFleur

- Still stands by the idea, hopes that everyone know that we are advocating on the behalf of our constituents
- While it might not happen, it's something to consider

Motion to Vote by Senator Longo, second by Senator Elder

Motion passes

Roll Call vote

5 yays, 17 nays, 2 abstentions, and 1 not present, the legislation fails

6. New Business

A. Senator Jimmy Harrington, Class of 2019 (Bill 002)

9:05 PM

VP Werling clarifies rules on bylaws, regarding Sean Calabria's comments. Bill will be presented and voted on today.

Resolution 002- Bylaw Reform

Presented by Senator Harrington

(Readout of Senate bylaws as a whole, with changes)

Point of order by Senator Mackisey

- Does Senator Harrington have to really read all of this?

Senator Harrington

- Yes

Senator Elder

- Can we do an amendment?

VP

- Please save all amendments for the end

(Senator Harrington continued readout)

Senator Mackisey left at 8:37PM

Senator Mackisey returned at 8:38PM

Senator Longo left at 8:45PM

Senator Longo returned at 8:46PM

Floor open to debate

Senator LaFleur

- Page 17, curious why there was a period at the end of subclause 5. Motion to striking the period
- Page 18, motion to changing posers corrected to posters
- Unanimous voice vote for both

Senator Kirby

- Last page, clause 8, article 3, section 3, strike the commas
- Unanimous voice vote

Senator Elder

- Article 2, Clause 6 and 5, switching number order
- Unanimous voice vote

Senator Mackisey

- Eastern Time to Eastern Standard

Senator Harrington

- No

Senator Elder

- Capitalizing F in DuFour
- Unanimous voice vote

Senator Mackisey

- Under absences, page 6, section 3, clause 1. Do absences reset?
- Harrington: Yes
- Page 9, Section 5, Clause 3, Academic Affairs is the only committee in which it mentions the chair specifically, does this mean nine members plus the committee chair?
- Harrington: would be based on if the chair was a class senator or school senator
- Does this mean we will be holding committee reelections?
- Harrington: For newly named committees, yes.

Senator Mackisey

- Page 12, limits on debate, clause one
- Motion to amend to four times (no seconds)

Senator Koffa

- What?

VP

- With questions, it would be changed to four.
- Not happening

Senator Hagerty

- Article 3, Page 7- revote for three of five committees
- How would that work with legislation already in committee, and that about liaisons?

Senator Harrington

- Work through the liaison that you have a relationship with, but with legislation VP will direct it to the proper committee.

Senator Elder

- Working on the honors system

VP

- Not a lot of pieces in committee, we will redirect as needed.

Senator Guilfoyle

- Page 12, what majority would you need to speak more than twice?
- Harrington: simple majority

Senator LaFleur

- Article 3, section 1, clause 3- we would have to get permission to leave chamber for any reason at all?

Senator Harrington

- Yes

Senator LaFleur

- Article 4, section five, clause 1- privileged motion?

Senator Harrington

- Motion that is not debatable

Senator LaFleur

- Article 5, section 4, clause 7- can the author of the legislation not read it to the senate?

Senator Harrington

- Legislation will be read by presider officer, and the sponsor will be able to open and close debate

Senator B. Howard

- Page 18- sub clause 8, running on a particular issue. So if there is an amendment up for vote, you can tie yourself to that.
- Harrington: yes
- Clause 9- If passed and signed, candidates will be able to make a statement about who they are on the ballot?
- Harrington: Yes, thought this would help people get a better sense of candidates. Mainly for freshman
- Less complicated ways of doing this, so I motion to strike subclause 8 and 9 from the bylaws.

Motion to strike the above mentioned clauses

- Motion made by Senator B. Howard, seconded by Senator Nagode
- Nays have it (voice vote)

Senator Howard

- Clause 3, board of election on new rules,
- Grievances determined by BOE

Senator LaFleur

- Article 4, section 3, clause 3- member need to remove himself, must seek permission (if they are approved, then yes)
- No one can leave without VP approval

Senator Harrington

- Page 6- I mislead the body, removing the structure of the committee hearing, it does still exist. Look at article 3, section 3, clause 4. The structure does still exist.

- Purely changing the diction

Senator Hagerty

- Because you have not laid out a specific structure, is that up to the committee chair
- Harrington: yes

Senator Howard

- Article 3, clause, 6, page 8- quorum must be met, four/fifths of a committee,

Motion to vote by Senator Mackisey, seconded by Senator Connolly

- Voice vote, motion passes

Vote on Bill 002 passed,

- **24 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 not present**

B. Senator Weston Kirby, Class of 2020 (Resolution 019)
Resolution 019- Kane Hours

9:15 PM

Motion to limit debate to five minutes, by Senator Kirby seconded by Senator LaFleur

- **Passed by voice vote, (23-1-0) Opposed by Senator Mackisey**

Motion to limit debate to five minutes,

- **Passed by voice vote, (23-1-0) Opposed by Senator Mackisey**

Senator Kirby

- List of opening times of other university fitness centers, all open hour and a half before the Kane center does
- LCs make it infeasible to go work out before them
- Be it enacted clause- resolution is the first step, and we believe our constituents will go and use the Kane Center
- Even if there is further talks, this resolution will support further talks

VP

- President Pinault has signed the bylaws, and we are now acting under these.

Senator Mackisey

- I support this, politics majors with their internships will be served by this

Senator Elder

- I am in full support
- Clarify, the reason they cut the hours, and not enough students were going in the last hour
- Eliminating student jobs, they are not, they have rigorous training, and it is hard to get more students to come at 6:30
- I talked to Director White, and they are willing, but they need staff willing to do it.
- White is willing to do a trial run, and I recommend we support this trial run. Go to this!

Senator Connolly

- Fully support

Senator Procino

- Fully support
- Architecture students are up all night, and this give us a chance to get some exercise

Senator Kirby, motion to vote, seconded by Senator LaFleur

- **Unanimous voice vote**

Voting on resolution

- **Unanimous voice vote**

C. Senator Andrew Elder, School of Arts & Sciences (Resolution 020) 9:25 PM
Resolution 020- Extra Expenditures

Senator Harrington

- Under new Bylaws, first reading must be done by presiding officer
- First reading done by VP Werling

Senator Elder

- Important, many issues arise that they are paying extra money
- Professors must say something ahead of time about these extra expenditures

Senator O'Toole

- Most professors offer assistance, and those students who need it have the option to go to the professor

Senator Harrington

- Aid is sometimes not extended to the students

Senator Procino

- Shocked that we had a \$500 bill to get the supplies

Senator Mackisey

- We have to pay for dance classes out of pocket

Senator B. Howard

- Do you want these costs to be in the syllabus?
- Instead of in the syllabus, maybe some other means?

Senator Elder

- May I mention my second piece of legislation, it will answer her question

Senator McCracken left at 9:39PM, Returned at 9:44PM

Senator Hagerty

- I agree with this
- May be handcuffing professors, maybe expand resources for students who are unable to cover the costs of those expenditures

Senator Elder, motion to vote, seconded by Senator Koffa

- **Motion passes**

Voice vote

- **6 nays, 0 abstentions, 16 yays, 3 not present**

Senator Mackisey, clarification

- Lizzy Andrew votes yay

D. Senator Andrew Elder, School of Arts & Sciences (Resolution 021) 9:35 PM
Resolution 021- Syllabus Manager
First Reading by VP Werling

Senator Elder

- Politics- 59 classes available, but only 4 have syllabi available
- Syllabus manager is important, and if we can put this back into order, this would be a way to pick classes more easily

Senator B. Howard

- With the syllabus manager, are you requesting that it be mandated for every single course

Senator Elder

- We can't mandate, but we can request
- Most professors have the classes ready to go

VP Werling

- Bylaw clarification

Senator Nagode

- Echo my support, ran into the same issue
- Rectify a lot of first day of classes issues

Senator Connolly

- You are able to go on and look at the history of courses
- First syllabus gives you an idea, and I fully support it.
- Login is required, would incoming freshman get the info?

VP

- Yes they would

Senator Mackisey

- Perhaps this is not the best way to fix the issue

Motion to send to committee by Senator Mackisey seconded by Senator Connolly

- **6 nays, 0 abstentions, 17 yays, one not present**

Voting to send to committee

- **6 nays, 1 abstention, 16 yays, 1 not present**

E. Senator Brianna Howard, Class of 2018 (Resolution 022)

9:45 PM

Resolution 022- Proper display and maintenance of the flags

Senator B. Howard

- To properly show respect, this flag should be retired

Senator Elder

- I fully support this, but if you look at the other flags, they are torn as well

Motion to add in the DC and Vatican flags by Senator Elder, seconded by Senator O,Toole

- **Unanimous voice vote**

Voting to amend

- **Unanimous consent to the amendments**

Senator Hagerty

- Don't see the need for the resolution, DPS should be mandated.

Senator Mackisey

- Agree with Senator Hagerty

Senator B. Howard

- I wish it were the case, but DPS has done nothing
- More official manner of requesting this

Motion to vote by Senator Guilfoyle, second by Senator LaFleur

- **Unanimous**

Voting on Resolution

- **22 yeas, 2 nays, 0 abstentions, and 1 not present, the resolution passes**

F. Senator Elise LaFleur, Class of 2020 (Resolution 023)

9:55 PM

Not discussed. Pushed to March 20th meeting.

7. Open Floor

(Time Permitting)

9:55 PM

8. Adjournment

10:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Senator LaFleur, seconded by Senator Hagerty

- **Unanimous passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:59 PM**