



The Catholic University of America Student Government Association

Executive Board Bylaw Amendments
April 23, 2017

1. An amendment to the Executive Board Bylaws to establish an oath of office.
 - Approved by the Executive Board by a vote of 4-0-0
 - It was decided that the Executive Board should have an oath to uphold and be held accountable for.
 - Addition of Article VII: The Executive Board Oath of Office to appear as follows:

Article VII The Executive Board Oath of Office

Section 1 Oath

- Clause 1 The Executive Board Oath shall be administered to the Executive Board by the outgoing Student Government Association President on May 1. While the new executive may hold their title, they may not assume the duties of their office until they take the oath prescribed in Clause 2.
- Clause 2 At the time in which an Executive Board member is sworn in, he or she shall read aloud the following as he or she raises his or her right hand:

“I (state your name) do solemnly swear to execute the duties of the office of the (state your office), and that I will abide by the governing documents of the Student Government Association in order to promote the interests and welfare of the students of The Catholic University of America.”

2. An amendment to the Executive Board Bylaws to establish campaign finance regulations.
 - Approved by the Executive Board by a vote of 4-0-0
 - It was decided that the Executive Board elections had the potential of becoming accessible to those who could put exorbitant amount of money towards their campaigns. The Executive Board believes that during this election cycle there was excessive spending on all the campaigns.
 - Addition of Section 7 of Article VI, Official Election Campaign Finance Regulations to appear as follows:

Section 7

Official Election Campaign Finance Regulations

Clause 1

Rules for campaign finances shall be as follows:

(i) No campaign for an Executive Board position shall spend more than two hundred (200) dollars towards materials. This includes, but is not limited to, campaign giveaways, campaign team materials, advertising materials, promotional items, etc.

(ii) All purchases by a campaign must be confirmed by the submission of a receipt(s) to the Chair of the Board of Elections within twenty-four (24) hours of the purchase.

(iii) The two hundred (200) dollar limit is not restricted to just candidates, but must be upheld by themselves, their campaign teams, and any individual that associates himself or herself with a campaign.

(iv) Any violation of the campaign finance regulations will be considered an election violation and will be addressed by the Board of Elections on a case by case basis.

(v) The Board reserves the right to remove a candidate from the ballot if the Board maintains that the candidate's campaign finance regulation violation is a grievous offense.

(vi) The Board shall not at any time deduct votes from a candidate's vote total as a penalty for violating any campaign finance regulation.

Clause 2

Any rules, guidelines, or authority regarding election campaign finances not specifically outlined in the bylaws shall rest with the Board of Elections.

Clause 3

The Board shall reserve the right to create any additional election campaign finance regulations to ensure the carrying out of a fair election, as long as they do not conflict with any of the rules outlined in these bylaws.

Clause 4

If the Board of Elections creates a new campaign finance regulation, all candidates must be notified of such within 24 hours.