

Resolution 038
A Resolution in Support of amending The Student Code of Conduct
Sponsored by: Senator Aaron O'Brien Mackisey

Whereas,

The Introduction (Paragraph I) of the University's Sexual Offences Policy (Revised Nov 30, 2015) states: *"The University affirms that sexual relationships are designed by God to be expressed solely within a marriage between husband and wife. Sexual acts of any kind outside the confines of marriage are contrary to the teachings and moral values of the Catholic Church and are prohibited in the University's Code of Student Conduct. The Catholic University of America promotes respect for persons' bodily integrity, chastity, and the sacredness of human sexuality."*

Whereas,

The University's Student Code of Conduct under Paragraph III, Section R (Sexual Misconduct), Subsection 1 (Sexual Relationships) states: *"Sexual acts of any kind outside the confines of marriage are contrary to the teachings and moral values of the Catholic Church and are prohibited. The University affirms that sexual relationships are designed by God to be expressed solely within a marriage between husband and wife."*

Whereas,

The University's Code of Student Conduct Purpose is stated as followed: *"...The Code seeks to preserve the individual rights of students while ensuring that the interests of the entire University community are also maintained."*

Whereas,

Under the University's Student Code of Conduct Paragraph VI (Sanctions), Section C, Subsections 1-10: *"Sanctions that may be imposed in accordance with this Code include: Censure, Probation, Restitution, Denial of Access of Specific Areas, Eviction, Revocation of Privileges, Loss of Registration, Suspension, Expulsion, and Discretionary Sanctions."*

Whereas,

The Student Code of Conduct, as it stands presently, gives the Administration of The Catholic University of America the right to impose the above mentioned sanctions upon students for engaging in any kind of sexual activity, even if they both meet the age of consent.

Whereas,

The current Student Code of conduct, as it stands presently, discriminates against the right of the student. As adults of consenting age they have the right to engage in consensual sexual activity without fear of condemnation, or religious sanction. The choice to become sexually involved with another person is an extremely personal one, and should not be dictated by religious doctrine. The University, while it must and should uphold its mission to spread the message of Jesus Christ in the Gospel, should not impose sanctions upon students who do not hear or accept the message of Jesus Christ and his Gospel.

Be it enacted that,

The Student Senate, acting in their official capacity as representatives of the student body of The Catholic University of America hereby request the Office of The Dean of Students use their power, oversight, and responsibly over the Student Code of Conduct to make the following changes to The Student Code of Conduct.

Section R (Sexual Misconduct) Subsection 1 (Sexual Relationships)

“1. Sexual Relationships: Sexual acts of any kind outside the confines of marriage are contrary to the teachings and moral values of the Catholic Church and are prohibited under Church doctrine. The University affirms that sexual relationships are designed by God to be expressed solely within a marriage between husband and wife. Yet, University sanctions will not be imposed on students of consensual age who freely choose to engage in consensual sexual activity.”

The Introduction (Paragraph I) of the Sexual Offences Policy (Revised Nov 30, 2015)

“The University affirms that sexual relationships are designed by God to be expressed solely within a marriage between husband and wife. Sexual acts of any kind outside the confines of marriage are contrary to the teachings and moral values of the Catholic Church ~~and are prohibited in the University’s Code of Student Conduct.~~ The Catholic University of America promotes respect for persons’ bodily integrity, chastity, and the sacredness of human sexuality.”

Agreed by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

Kristina Pinault
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