



# The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2017-18

## Senate Session 3-2

Pryzbyla, Great Room B

October 16, 2017

8:00pm-10:00pm

### ROLL CALL

**Vice President** - Jon Paul Weiss

**Secretary** – Francesca Gualano

**Parliamentarian** – Katie Trolio

**School of Business**

Kevin Walsh \_x\_

Nicholas Spinelli \_x\_

**Class of 2018**

Alexa Schimp \_x\_

Matthew Skros \_x\_

**School of Engineering**

Mina Grace Larraquel \_x\_

Olivia Giangiordano \_x\_

**Class of 2019**

Jimmy Harrington \_x\_

John Connolly \_x\_

**School of Music**

Aaron Mackisey \_x\_

Lizzy Andrew \_x\_

**Class of 2020**

Elise LaFleur \_x\_

Weston Kirby \_x\_

**School of Nursing**

Julia Skellie \_A\_

Leigh Calotta \_x\_

**Class of 2021**

Ally Kilgore \_x\_

Sean O’Grady \_x\_

**School of Philosophy**

Kevin Blanchard \_x\_

Jeremy Volz \_x\_

**School of Architecture**

Kelly Reed \_x\_

Sara Cangarlu \_x\_

**School of Social Services**

Matt Finley \_x\_

Patricia Halloran \_x\_

**School of Arts and Science**

Alexander Santana \_x\_

Cavan Hagerty \_x\_

**School of Theology**

Alec McGuire \_x\_

Antoine Rask \_x\_

**Key:**  
X- Here  
A- Absent

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**CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL** **8:01 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **8:03 PM**

**PRAYER** **8:03 PM**

- **Delivered by Senator Rask**

**1. Public Comment** **8:04 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. 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.

- **Welcome Katie Trolio as the Parliamentarian.**
- **There is a Tower reporter in attendance.**
- **The Tower would like to record SGA Senate meetings for accuracy.**
- **No objections pronounced.**
- **The Tower reporter may begin recording and does so.**
- **No public comment.**

**2. Adoption of Agenda** **8:05 PM**

- **Motion to amend the Minutes by Senator Connolly.**
- **Motion to amend the Minutes rescinded by Senator Connolly.**
- **Motion to adopt Agenda 3-2 made by Senator Kirby and seconded by Senator Finley.**
- **All in favor to adopt Agenda 3-2.**
- **3-2 Agenda now officially adopted – 8:06 P.M.**

**3. Approval of Minutes** **8:15 PM**

- **Approval of Minutes for Monday, 2 October 2017 (3-1)**
- **Motion by Senator Connolly to amend the Minutes and seconded by Senator Harrington.**
- **Misspelling of “Connolly”.**
- **Request to change “Connelly” to “Connolly”.**
- **Motion to approve this edit by Senator LaFleur and seconded by Senator Andrew.**

- All in favor.
- Minutes approved.

**4. Committee Reports** **8:08 P.M.**

- President Weiss would like to have all Committees established by tonight's end – that is, with a list of names provided by the Chairmen.

**A. Rule and Administration Committee – Senator Kirby** **8:08 PM**

- President Pro Tempore
- 4 Senators in total needed and to be approved by President Weiss.
- Senator Skros and Senator Santana are the only two on the Committee thus far.
- Two more Senators needed.

**B. Academic Affairs Committee – Senator Mackisey** **8:09 PM**

- There is a full Committee.
- Study abroad focus.
- Looking into budgets as pertaining to individual schools.
- President Weiss extends his gratitude to Senator Mackisey for acting as his substitute at the Senator Board Meeting.
- The academic curriculum was voted to be adjusted, and this is the first time that such has transpired in 40 years.

**B. University Services Committee – Senator Harrington** **8:11 PM**

- The Committee is full.
- Senator Harrington yields the floor.

**D. Student Resources Committee – Senator Hagerty** **8:11 PM**

- One seat on the Committee is vacant.
- Current constituents are Senators Volz, Halloran, and Walsh.
- Senator Hagerty met with 3/5 of the community directors last week.
- There is a Homecoming bonfire on 28 October, compliments of Residence Life.

**E. Campus Life Committee – Senator Connolly** **8:13 P.M.**

- President Weiss states that there is an extra Senator signed up for a constituent position.
- Everyone who is currently signed up to be a member of this Committee is to see Senator Connolly following this Senate meeting's end.
- Senator Connolly yields his time.
- President Weiss asks interested Senators to approach the Chairman.

**5. New Business**

**A. Senator Hagerty, School of Arts and Sciences (Resolution 004)** **8:14 PM**

- The shortened Pryz Student Cafeteria hours should be extended.
- This Resolution is co-sponsored by Senators Harrington, Santana, and LaFleur.
- President Weiss calls Senator Hagerty to the podium.
- During the academic year of 2016-2017, the Pryz Student Restaurant was open from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. on Sunday; from 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. from Monday to Thursday, inclusive; from 7:30 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. on Friday; and from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. on Saturday.
- The reduced hours are primarily affecting student athletes.
- One of Senator Hagerty's roommates plays football and Thursday practices are between the hours of 4:45 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

- **The Pryz Student Restaurant closes at 9:00 P.M. every night this Fall 2017 Semester, which affects his roommate, as well as others.**
- **Senator Hagerty mentions that the price of our meal plans has increased, whereas the hours that we are welcome to the Pryz Student Restaurant have decreased.**
- **During the last DSAB meeting, Tim Carney reminded Senator Hagerty that there are locations on Monroe Street to purchase dinner.**
- **The purpose of the DSAB meeting was to demonstrate to Dining Services that the CUA student community is dissatisfied with the reduced dining hours.**
- **President Weiss thanks Senator Hagerty for his voice at the DSAB meeting.**
- **Senator Hagerty mentioned that only 6% of students are affected by the reduced dining hours.**
- **The floor is open to questions.**
- **Senator Andrew queries about whether or not the 6% incorporates and considers those students who are engaged in non-athletic practices, classes, clubs, and other extra-curricular activities that oblige students to occupations beyond 9:00 P.M.**
- **The School of Music and the School of Engineering have classes that last until 10:30 P.M.**
- **Senator Giangiordano mentions that some chemistry labs exceed 9:00 P.M. as well.**
- **Point of Order – Senator Kirby states that President Weiss must remain impartial in his commentary.**
- **Senator Kirby makes a motion to amend the Resolution to say “no earlier than 10:00 P.M.” – as seconded by Senator Connolly.**
- **Senator Mackisey motions to amend Senator Kirby’s motion to amend the Resolution.**
- **Senator Connolly rescinds his seconding of Senator Kirby’s motion.**
- **Senator Mackisey mentions that Senator Kirby’s amendment is vague and insufficient, particularly for those students in the School of Music, who have rehearsals that exceed 10:30 P.M.**
- **Senator Mackisey would like to amend the Resolution to read “no earlier than 11:00 P.M.”**
- **Senator Hagerty responds to Senator Mackisey’s point and offers the following caveat: the body must not ask for an extension of hours beyond those of last year’s.**
- **Senator Hagerty mentions that an increase in current hours to 9:30 P.M. is a “step”, not a permanent solution.**
- **Senator Hagerty fears that Dining Services will altogether deafen its ears to the Senators’ pleas if the Senators present a time that is beyond what it was the last academic year (2016-2017).**
- **Point of Order by Senator Volz – a question vis-à-vis the amendment.**
- **Senator Mackisey mentions that it was the fault of the Senate body last year for not mobilizing efforts for extending dining hours.**
- **Senator Mackisey motions to amend the Resolution to read, in part, “no earlier than 11:00 P.M.”, as seconded by Senator Andrew.**

- **Point of Order – Senator Kilgore inquires as to when the Pryz Student Restaurant closed last year, and her question is answered by Senator Mackisey.**
- **Point of Order – Senator Kirby specifies that the final sentence of the Resolution will read “close no earlier than 11:00 P.M.”.**
- **All in favor of voting on the amendment, except:**
  - **One nay by Senator O’Grady.**
  - **One abstention by Senator Hagerty.**
- **Amendment passes: 17 “Yays”; 4 “Nays”; 4 Abstentions; and 1 Absence.**
- **The amendment passes.**
- **Senator Connolly did not attend the DSAB meeting, and so he inquires about Dining Services’ reasons for changing the Pryz Student Restaurant hours.**
- **President Weiss answers:**
  - **(1) The metro closes at 10:57 P.M., and therefore the Pryz Student Restaurant staff do not have ample time to acquire metro transportation after work.**
  - **(2) There is a small percentage of students who populate the Pryz Student Restaurant after 9:00 P.M.**
  - **(3) There is not sufficient funding, and so cuts were made.**
- **Senator Connolly mentions that the metro closed at 1:00 A.M. on the weekends last year.**
- **Senator Harrington mentions that perhaps the Pryz Student Restaurant can close for one hour during the afternoon as an alternative and as a compromise for extending evening hours.**
- **Senator Harrington yields his time.**
- **President Weiss mentions that he and Brianna met with Tim Carney, and that Tim Carney said that “to-go” boxes cost \$125,000 per year.**
- **Tim Carney would consider extending the Pryz Student Restaurant hours to 1:00 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays if “to-go” boxes are no longer offered.**
- **An alternative is offering pre-made food-filled “to-go” boxes, or to have the Pryz Student Restaurant offer only “to-go” boxes between the hours of 9:30 P.M. and 10:00 P.M.**
- **The last-mentioned option is to have limited stations open, such as just the deli and the salad bar.**
- **Senator Mackisey mentions that students do not choose to go to the Pryz Student Restaurant late, but must because of other obligations – the bottom 6% of students are still students.**
- **The School of Music thinks this change to be preposterous, and Senator Hagerty agrees.**
- **Senator O’Grady queries about Senator Hagerty’s reason for not including a specific time in the original Resolution.**
- **Senator Hagerty answers: he wanted to leave room for discussion as to what everyone else opines an appropriate closing time to be.**
- **Senator O’Grady agrees that this “wiggle room” is appropriate, and so he motions for the vote to be postponed.**
- **President Weiss clarifies that Senator O’Grady would like to have the Resolution tabled.**

- Point of Order - Senator Kirby clarifies that tabling implies that the motion will be held until the meeting's end.
- Point of Order - Senator Harrington would like to clarify which meeting.
- Senator O'Grady clarifies that he is motioning for the Resolution not to be tabled, but rather to be sent back to the Committee (Campus Life) – seconded by Senator Volz.
- Motion to debate by Senator Mackisey and seconded by Senator Halloran.
- All say “Aye”, except Senator O’Grady, who abstains.
- Motion passed.
- Open to debate.
- Senator Mackisey mentions that a specific time is necessary for inclusion, so as to indicate to Tim Carney what *is* a sufficient time.
- Senator Mackisey yields the floor.
- President Weiss reminds Senator Mackisey that he can only speak twice in sum.
- Senator Mackisey refutes, mentioning that he can speak on a given motion multiple times.
- Senators Harrington and Kirby qualify that a Senator can speak twice per motion during open debate.
- Senator Volz thinks that more research should be conducted on the matter.
- Point of Order – Senator Harrington reminds Senator Volz that he must yield his time, and Senator Volz reassures Senator Harrington that he already did so.
- Senator Calotta disagrees with the Resolution being tabled, and she yields her time.
- Senator O’Grady wants to make sure that the Senate recognizes that his argument is to have the Resolution sent back to the Committee.
- Senator O’Grady claims that if the Senate makes a demand for a specific time, then this cycle of negotiation will relentlessly repeat itself.
- Senator Walsh is opposed to sending the bill back to the Committee, because the next Senate meeting is in three weeks. By that time, Dining Services will delay action until the Spring 2018 Semester.
- Senator LaFleur reminds the Senate body that when the Senate passes a Resolution, it is simply articulating the will of the student body, as opposed to making demands.
- Point of Order – Senator Volz clarifies the Resolution edit to specify a time of 11:00 P.M.
- Motion for the change by Senator LaFleur, seconded by Senator Andrew.
- All say “Aye”.
- Point of inquiry about the Resolution change.
- Voting on the motion to send the Resolution back to the committee.
- All in favor to vote.
- Motion to send the Resolution back to the Committee fails: 24 Nay, 1 Yay, 1 Absence
- Question by Senator Walsh – Does 11:00 P.M. indicate the corresponding days of the week in the edited Resolution?
- The answer is “No”.

- Senator Walsh motions to clarify 11:00 P.M. for Monday through Thursday, seconded by Senator Volz.
- Motion to vote – all in favor, except:
  - Nays from Senators Kirby and Connolly.
- Motion to vote passes.
- 14 “Yays”; 7 “Nays”; 4 Abstentions; 1 Absence
- Motion passes.
- Open for debate.
- Senator Andrew says that the Senate body does not have true authority and emphasizes that “the sun does not rise and set with the Senate”, and that the document can read what the Senate desires for it to read. She yields the floor.
- Senator Hagerty states that the Senate body does maintain the power to do quite a bit, and that the body should strive for the Administration to take it seriously, and thus must be reasonable in its requests.
- President Weiss mentions that Tim Carney is open to negotiation on the matter of extending the Pryz Student Restaurant hours.
- Senator Andrew motions to vote on the bill, as seconded by Senator Giangordano.
- All Senators present say “Aye” to the vote, with the exception of Senator O’Grady, who abstains.
- Motion to vote passed.
- 24 “Yays”; 1 Abstention; 1 Absence.
- Resolution passed.

**B. Senator Connolly, Class of 2019 (Reserved Time)**

**8:58 PM**

- Senator Connolly is wearing pink in recognition of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Senator Connolly purports that Senators should not abstain from voting, because doing so removes oneself from the room.
- Senator Connolly thinks that Senators should not abstain unless they are biased in the matter at hand.
- Senator Connolly yields his time.

**5. Open Floor**

**9:00 PM**

- Senator Mackisey commends Senator Connolly for his commentary on abstentions, echoing the wise words of Vice President James Benedek, who urged that every vote matters.
- All of the Chairmen specify the corners in which they would like to meet the constituents of their Committees following the Senate meeting.
- Senator Andrew announces and advertises the production of *Kiss Me Kate*, with showings on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost of entry is \$5.00.
- President Weiss discusses the newly-established tradition of SGA pins.
- Francesca M. Gualano and Katie Trolio pass the pins to the Senators.
- President Weiss states that there is a meeting with the Academic Senate this Thursday, 19 October, at 9:40 A.M.
- Senator Volz clarifies when the meeting will be held, and President Weiss verifies this.

## **6. Adjournment**

**9:06 PM**

- **Motion to adjourn by Senator Volz, seconded by Senator Connolly.**
- **All in favor.**
- **Meeting adjourned.**