



# The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2017-18 Senate Session 3-3

Pryzbyla, Great Room B  
November 6, 2017  
8:00pm-10:00pm

## ROLL CALL

**Vice President** - Jon Paul Weiss  
**Secretary** – Francesca Gualano  
**Parliamentarian** – Katie Troilo

### **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   A    
Lizzy Andrew   X  

### **Class of 2020**

Elise LaFleur   X    
Weston Kirby   X  

### **School of Nursing**

Julia Skellie   X    
Leigh Calotta   X  

### **Class of 2021**

Ally Kilgore   X    
Sean O’Grady   X  

### **School of Philosophy**

Kevin Blanchard   A    
Jeremy Volz   X  

### **School of Architecture**

Kelly Reed   X    
Sara Cangarlu   A  

### **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

**NOTE:** Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered for the present meeting. Notification is hereby proved that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

Any legislation business being presented has been provided to the Vice President at least 24 prior to tonight's meeting and to all other members of the Senate at least 12 hours in advance of tonight's meeting. The Vice President reserves the right to postpone debate of legislation based on the time constraints of the Senate meeting

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **8:02 PM**

- **Moment of silence**

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

- **Senator Connolly**
  - **Kind words for Andrew Tomasello**
- **President Weiss**
  - **The Lord's Prayer**

**1. Public Comment** **8:07 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.

**2. Adoption of Agenda** **8:10 PM**

- **Senator LaFleur**
- **Seconded by Senator Spinelli**
- **All in favor**

**3. Approval of Minutes** **8:10 PM**

- **Senator Kilgore**
- **Seconded by Senator Volz**
- **All in favor**

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. Rule and Administration Committee – Senator Kirby** **8:11 PM**

- **Clarifying motions and amendments**

**B. Academic Affairs Committee – Senator Mackisey** **8:12 PM**

- **Senator Mackisey is absent**

**C. University Services Committee – Senator Harrington** **8:12 PM**

- **Full committee**
- **First committee meeting next week**

**D. Student Resources Committee – Senator Hagerty** **8:13 PM**

- Full committee
- Resolution regarding dining services
- Dean Sawyer was sympathetic to their stance
- Residence Life – Thanksgiving Food Competition
- Yields his time

**E. Campus Life Committee – Senator Connolly**

**8:13 PM**

- Flu Shots
- Housing Services has purchased an ice machine
- Yields his time

**5. New Business**

**A. Sam Galvin, Treasurer, Student Government Association**

**8:14 PM**

- (Reserved Time) To speak about the Treasury Board
  - Presentation
  - Boost relationship between Senate and Treasury Board
  - State of the Treasury Board – each semester
  - Treasury Board – 8 Directors (students across all 4 years)
  - Allocate and manage the Student Activity Fee
  - Weekly meetings at 8 o'clock in Pryz 331
  - 15-minute block
  - Student Activity Fee - \$120 per semester for full-time students
  - \$60 per semester for part-time students
  - undergraduates only
  - each club has a finance page
  - submit request
  - through Facebook and Setmore – select presentation time
  - present at Treasury Board
  - 79 requests made thus far for Fall 2017
  - funded 83% of that quantity requested
  - summer allocations did occur
  - did not have a full 8-member Board until around the time of the Senate elections of Fall 2017
  - taking questions at the end
  - Senator Connolly posed a clarification inquiry about the 83%, and his question was answered by Treasurer Galvin
  - Freshman enrollment was lower than expected
  - ~15% of the Student Activity Fee is remaining
  - emergency fund of ~ \$35,000
  - questions
  - Senator O'Grady – Are there 103 organizations that Treasury Board can fund?
  - Sam Galvin – every student organization is immediately welcome to \$100.00 at the beginning of each new academic year

**B. Senator Kirby, Class of 2020 (Resolution 005)**

**8:24 PM**

- Pilot Program – open the Kane Center earlier or keep it open one hour later
- The pilot program could not occur this semester
- The Resolution concerns the implementation of the pilot program
- Senator Connolly – personal experience → support of the Resolution
- Senator McGuire → reiterating that the current hours do not allow students to exercise early in the morning before classes begin

- Senator Andrew – If it was not in the budget to have a pilot program this semester, then why will it be in the budget to open an hour earlier?
- Senator Kirby – Such is why this is on the Resolution for next semester
- Senator Andrew – Long term goals?
- Senator Kirby – no long-term goals addressed by this Resolution
- Senator Calotta – an employee of the Kane Fitness Center – in favor of the Resolution – Windy White supports this as well
- Senator Hagerty – two weeks is too short of a time-frame
- Senator Kirby – two weeks is the minimum (at least two weeks) - should be longer than that
- Senator Kilgore – amend motion, seconded by O’Grady (all in favor) – change the word “temporally” to “temporarily”
- Senator Finley – Is there a marketing strategy? How much is the marketing going to cost?
- Senator Kirby – the Kane Center has been advertising already
- Senator O’Grady – How will the measurements be made? How is the information quantified?
- Senator Kirby – swipe-ins quantify the student influx
- Senator O’Grady – how many students would be needed to show up in order to continue with the pilot program?
- Senator Kirby – Uncertain
- Senator Calotta – Kane Center tracks the number of students on the machine
- Motion by Senator Finley, seconded by Senator Volz
- All in favor
- 23 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent

**C. Senator Kirby, Class of 2020 (Resolution 006)**

**8:37 PM**

- Senator Kirby – work-study money is federal money
- two separate issues – could not tackle them in one Resolution
- this is about undergraduate non-work-study money
- there are not enough student jobs on campus
- main fiscal advantage of HAS: \$12,000 compared to \$41,000 (PSA)
- we have a huge endowment, but we are not prioritizing allocations
- money is being diverged because enrollment is down
- UMD, Georgetown, G.W. – all pay D.C. minimum wage, whereas CUA does not
- Senator LaFleur – lack of students choosing CUA matriculation; some students are putting themselves through college
- Discrepancy in pay gap
- Senator Connolly – we all come from different backgrounds; supports the Resolution; we should adhere to D.C. minimum wage, despite the considerations of our budgetary constraints
- Senator Andrew – one issue is that we already lost a lot of student jobs last year due to library closings; the University is not going to hire more student workers if we raise the minimum wage at CUA
- Senator Kirby – student jobs were cut a lot last year; does not think that they can be cut that much more
- Senator Hagerty – in support of the Resolution; tuition money, money granted through federal funding programs, endowments, donations, etc.; where does money from student wage come from?

- Senator Kirby – believes that it is from the endowment
- Senator Hagerty – important to know where the money is coming from; HAS and PSA are run under two different departments; where is the guarantee that the money allocated from those departments will change, considering that such is from two different departments?
- Senator Kirby - Dr. Allan will tell you if Director Johnson is willing to help us
- Senator Hagerty moves to send this Resolution to the appropriate Committee to clarify where the money is coming from in the budget
- Senator Kirby – that question will arise and be answered if passed, so he urges the Senators to pass the Resolution
- Motion seconded by Senator Volz to send to Senator Hagerty’s Committee
- Motion to send it back to Committee
- All in favor on Senator Hagerty’s motion – three Nays by Senators Finley, Kirby, and Connolly
- 21 Nays, 2 Yays, 3 Absent – motion fails
- Senator Finley – thinks that it would remove jobs from Campus; this is a department-by-department matter
- Senator LaFleur – this is a positive step for the University
- Senator Kilgore – constituent approached her about this Resolution; speaking on this girl’s behalf, Senator Kilgore expresses her support of this Resolution – yields time
- Motion to vote
- Senator Harrington, seconded by Senator by Volz
- All in favor
- 20 Yays, 3 Nays, 3 Absent – Resolution passes

## 5. Open Floor

9:01 PM

- Senator Hagerty – updating the Body on an ongoing measure from last year; vote on Capital Fest budget; Megan Riley stated that \$69,520.51 was used to pay for Capital Fest, and so \$22,963.49 will be returned to the Student Activity Fee
- Senator O’Grady – Title IX Town Hall – powerful; extends his gratitude to fellow Senators
- President Weiss – Resolution 002 by Senator Santana – sums in the hundreds from Catholic Charity; CUA Christmas Concert is upcoming; Congratulations Senator Santana!
- President Weiss – attendance is important and absences should be reported to President Weiss beforehand
- President Weiss – still consulting with Tim Carney about Dining Hours; DSAB meeting is Wednesday at 5:30 P.M.
- President Weiss – we have only had 6 pieces of legislation – encourages more product from the Senators
- Next session – 20 November 2017

## 6. Adjournment

9:07 PM

- Senator Connolly, seconded by Senator Halloran
- All “Aye”