



**The Catholic University of America
Student Government Association 2017-18
Senate Session 3-4**

Pryzbyla, Great Room B
November 20, 2017
8:00pm-10:00pm

ROLL CALL

Vice President - Jon Paul Weiss
Secretary – Victoria Principato
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 A
Olivia Giangiordano X

Class of 2019

Jimmy Harrington X
John Connolly A

School of Music

Aaron Mackisey X
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 A
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

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.

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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. 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.

- **Joseph Basalla from Arts & Sciences: Week of Awareness of Persecuted Christians Week of 10/27 from Christian Values Task Forces**
- **Brent Behringer from School of Engineering – Website Marketing Forms heads up**
- **Owen Saylers School of Engineering – Director of Task Forces, letting everyone know he exists**

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

- **Senator Hagerty**
- **Seconded by Senator Finley**
- **Motion to Adopt by All**

3. Approval of Minutes **8:05 PM**

- **Monday, November 6, 2017 (3-3)**
- **Senator Finley**
- **Seconded by Senator Harrington**
- **Motion to Adopt by All**

4. Committee Reports

A. Rules and Administration Committee – Senator Kirby **8:07 PM**

- **Met with VP Weiss on Sunday; Bylaw Amendments by next meeting**
- **Set up Guidelines for Legislation writing in terms of meeting with Administrator**
- **Be sure to research Legislation, let VP Weiss know about initiatives, especially when meeting with higher ups**

B. Academic Affairs Committee – Senator Mackisey **8:10 PM**

- **With VP Weiss met with Dr. Abela**
- **Pleased with progress**

- Curriculum Reform is going well, academic renewal updates will be publicized as per Dr. Abela's updates
- VP Weiss: Last Thursday was Academic Senate meeting; Latin Diplomas were discussed. Last year SGA Passed legislation to have Latin Diplomas as only option for diploma, however, last week, there were a few discrepancies between the two but we expect an answer on December 7th. If you have anything you would like discussed please let me know
- Senator Harrington: Older and newer faculty can't seem to agree
- VP Weiss: Undergraduate and Graduate can't seem to agree

C. University Services Committee – Senator Harrington 8:14 PM

- Information technology, wifi,

D. Student Resources Committee – Senator Hagerty 8:15 PM

- Meeting with Dean Sawyer, minimum wage, HSAs, Post-Thanksgiving break we will be focusing on Public Safety matters and giving suggestions

E. Campus Life Committee – Senator LeFleur 8:16 PM

- Cost and accessibility to flu shots
- Because of HIPPA, cannot administer flu shots because of health insurance
- Students can travel off-campus for in
- Dining services will stay open until 9:30
- DSS meeting next week
- Improve counseling center services next semester

5. New Business

A. Dr. Mayer, Vice Provost, Dean of Undergraduate Studies 8:17 PM

- (Reserved Time) To speak about the curriculum reform
- Grateful to be here tonight, long process in curriculum reform.
- September 27th, Undergraduate Board did not pass
- October 11th, passed Undergraduate Board
- Core Curriculum Press Release
- Framed Curriculum under enduring questions: not random distribution requirements, but organized in thematic fashion
- 5 Enduring Questions that have withstood the test of time, including the whole truth about human nature, humanity, and God
 - The Human Condition
 - What does it mean to be human?
 - What is the relationship
 - What does it mean to be an individual?
 - Knowledge and Wisdom
 - Freedom and Justice
 - What does it mean to be free?
 - What is Justice?
 - Can it be achieved in this world?
 - The Good Life
 - What makes a life good?
 - What is happiness? How is it different from Pleasure?
 - What is true friendship>
 - God
 - What is the proper relationship between us and God?
 - Why is there good and evil in the world?
- All are starting points for framework

- **How many classes does it mean we all have to take? Will go into effect this Fall 2018**
- **Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Sciences**
 - **15 Liberal Arts Core Classes**
 - **PHIL 1 & 2**
 - **TRS 1 & 2**
 - **English 101**
 - **Social Science**
 - **Lit**
 - **History**
 - **PHIL 3 (elective)**
 - **TRS 3 (elective)**
 - **Math**
 - **Natural Science**
 - **Fine Arts**
 - **Language (103 & 104)**
 - **5 Focus Area Classes**
 - **Enduring Questions Concentrations**
 - **Liberal Arts Concentration**
 - **Approved Alternative Options for Double Majors, Disciplinary Minor, Certificate, Honors Track, Secondary Language, Science Concentration**
- **Professional Degrees**
 - **10 Course Liberal Arts Curriculum**
 - **Phil 1 & 2**
 - **TRS 1 & 2**
 - **ENG 101**
 - **Social Science**
 - **Literature**
 - **Fine Arts**
 - **Math**
 - **Natural Science**
- **Arts Requirements, other new courses need to meet requirements of board and fit into enduring questions**
- **Will TRS be two semesters? Two PHL, new ideas generated**
- **Senator Volz: Will this affect incoming freshmen or sophomores as well?**
- **This will affect incoming freshmen, but will be determined. Tracking sheets will be go into effect Fall 2018, it will be available, but won't be mapped to current requirements. New curriculum not existing curriculum.**
- **Requirements**
- **Senator O'Grady: Does this have effect on honors tracks?**
- **Honors Program will follow discussion but is working to develop a plan. Instinct is that Honors classes already address "Enduring Questions," so this is TBD.**
- **Senator Giangiardano: If you substitute a class will I have to make up that class later?**
- **No, substitutions are permanent, but will need to fit certain requirements. For example, physics won't fit into Literature as a substitute, but Calculus would fit into a Math class. Complicated for switching majors, but it will work.**
- **Senator Kilgore: If you're on Honors track, and it changes to new curriculum, do you stay on Honors track?**

- Yes, new requirements will not affect group of existing students, so you would stay on the same track you initially entered into.
- Academically speaking, we think of curriculum as contract, so when we change requirements, they are changed for class following you, so we aren't breaking contract.
- Senator Mackissey: Does Dr. Abela and committee believe it will be ready for the incoming class?
- Yes. There is a lot of work to do, but it will be done. We are fairly convinced we can do what we need for Fall 2018. Don't think every single class will be ready, but in terms of suggesting correct courses for freshmen, we believe we can.
- Senator Mackissey: Is this something we are advertising to incoming Freshmen?
- Yes, at previous open house, Dr. Abela did start to discuss, we are working with Admissions and Marketing to publicize and organize. Press release is our first step in the right direction.
- Excited to develop a new curriculum aligned with mission of University and in response to feedback we have
- Senator Skros: Will advising staff be retrained to properly advise students?
- Yes, we are in a good position of making staff aware as they advise over the summer. New advising platform
- Senator Kilgore: Can you tell us about new focuses?
- I will be more than happy to come back in spring as we have further development
- Senator Calotta: As a nursing major, it is hard to fit in all classes. Can you tell us more about substitutions?
- Some curriculums on campus are more rigorous/complicated than others. We need to sit down and look at these more carefully, and look at what classes will be substituted.
- Senator Mackissey: My undergrad advisor and major advisor were not on the same page. Is there any way we could have one advisor all the way through, or increased training for advisors?
- Yes, we tried to do that this year in UAC to enforce advisors to give proper advice. We took each advisor and gave each advisor a specialty, and will work to increase New system will track minor completion much better and closely
- Senator Skelly exited room 8:44, returned 8:49
- VP Weiss thanks Dr. Mayer for her work. Meeting next week with undergrad board. The time is not easy to make changes to curriculum, but good work.

B. Senator Rask, School of Theology (Reserved Time)

8:46 PM

- **Week of Solidarity with Persecuted Christians in the Middle East November 27th- December 2nd**
- **Christians in Middle East are suffering; we need to continue to think of and pray for them**
- **All dates on handout**
 - **Nov 27th: Liberating A Continent Movie Screening**
 - **Nov 28th: Peace and Religious Freedom Coffee Hour with Dr. Love**
 - **Nov 29th: Solidarity in Suffering Candle-Light Rosary**
 - **Nov 30th: Our Last Stand Movie Screening**
 - **December 1st: Adoration**

- All questions please address Owen Sayers

C. Senator Calotta, School of Nursing (Reserved Time)

8:53 PM

- Student Philanthropy Council
- Works with office of University Advancement for Donor Interaction
- 25 members
- This semester, we've participated in Cardinal weekend, Tent Party, Alumni Events
- Next Event is Giving Tuesday, November 28th 11Am-5PM in Pryz
- Spring is Founder's Day and Red Feather Induction
- Senior Brunch in May
- Red Feather Society
- All Universities are ranked, right now we're at 15,000 donors, would like to increase this number
- Last year we had \$61 million in donations: see donations in Murphy's, DuFour Center, Leahy Computer Lab, Papal Mass, Scholarships
- Student Body involvement: Thank You Card writing, Senior Involvement
- Instagram: @CatholicSPC, Facebook SPC
- Applications open today, close December 15th online

D. Senator Kirby, Class of 2020 (Reserved Time)

9:02 PM

- Resolution 034 expands HSA Program in Residence Halls on Campus
- Decided not to bring resolution back
- Dr. Allen and Dean Sawyer that this Resolution was successful, we should expect to see HSAs next year in 3 residence halls
- If you have any questions, please let us know
- Senator Mackisey: With being phased out, does that mean certain employees will be let go?
- Goal next year is for 3 positions, but it is per building. We don't know which buildings, but it is in the Residence Hall budget
- Senator Cangarlu
- PSAs are the adult DPS officers and assistants who work from 4PM- 8PM
- HSAs work 4 hour shifts, are under residence life.

5. Open Floor

9:05 PM

- Senator Finley: Thanks for coming to Bystander Training last week. We now have a little over 700 students trained, which is the most CUA has ever had trained
- Senator O'Grady: Looking at working with counseling center. If anyone would like to help, or questions, please come see me after.
- VP Weiss: Since last session, we met with DSAB. Happy to announce that next semester the Student Restaurant will close at 9:30. Many people came to voice their concern. Not the full step we wanted, but step in the right direction. Looking forward to working with Tim and the Dining Services. Wants to know if Student Restaurant could be open 7-10 M-T, and 7-6pm F-S, or close Food Court at 6pm F-S to encourage people to visit Murphy's. No new resolutions tonight. Happy with impact of 6 resolutions, but was only 6 this semester, and would like to see more resolutions presented. Remind everyone that you were selected by student body to advocate for them, and

would like to see more legislation presented next semester, or within the next two Mondays of this semester. Safe travels home, show your parents your pin, I'm sure they'll love it.

6. Adjournment

9:12PM

- **Motion by Senator Kirby**
- **Seconded by Senator Halloran**
- **Approved by All**