

Resolution 017

A Resolution to Limit Tuition and All Fee Increase at the Catholic University of America

Sponsored by: Senator Spinelli

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Harrington, Senator Schimp, Senator Skellie

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America's Board of Trustees voted to raise tuition and fees for the academic school year 2018-2019 by 3.9 percent.

Whereas,

This tuition increase marks the third increase in as many years of more than 3 percent. Tuition and fees were raised in 2016 by 3.8 percent and in 2017 by 3.6 percent.¹

Whereas,

Student loan debt accounts for the second largest amount of debt by Americans. Americans owe \$1.48 trillion spread amongst 44 million borrowers which average out to \$33,636 per student.²

Whereas,

The expected direct cost of attending The Catholic University of America for the academic school year 2017-2018 is \$58,376³.

Whereas,

The average financial aid package for a student attending The Catholic University of America is \$31,104⁴

Whereas,

The average amount of the cost of attendance which needs to be financed by the student is \$27,272. This expected value for the academic year 2017-2018 is nearly the national average of student debt held by student borrowers for their education in total.

Whereas,

Since 2000, inflation in the United States has risen on average only 2.17 percent.⁵

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as representative of the undergraduate student body at The Catholic University of America, do hereby request that

¹ <http://cuatower.com/2018/02/university-approves-3-9-tuition-increase-in-2018-19-academic-year/>

² <https://studentloanhero.com/student-loan-debt-statistics/>

³ <https://www.catholic.edu/admission/tuition-and-financial-aid/index.html>

⁴ <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/catholic-universityof-america>

⁵ <http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/historical-inflation-rates/>

the University would limit tuition increases to no more than 2.5 percent per academic year. In addition, the University would set all fees for first year and transfer students at a level deemed to be appropriate by the University which will remain constant for a period up to 5 years. All fees for those students who are not first year or transfer students will remain at the all fees rate for the 2018-2019 academic year. This change would be implemented for the undergraduate student body starting in the 2019-2020 academic year.

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

Brianna Howard
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Vice President of the Student Government Association

