

The Catholic University of America
Student Government Association
2025-2026 Senate Session 11-1



October 6, 2025
8:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. EST

ROLL CALL

Vice President - Catherine Weatherwax

Secretaries

Martha Hammond and Griffin Reed

Parliamentarian - Henry Eardley

Class of 2026

Bennett Bert X

Dion Sinodinos X

Class of 2027

Austin Jansen X

Jack Hermes X

Class of 2028

Kevin McNicholas X

James Mazza X

Class of 2029

Brinkley Colquitt X

Fiona Tierney X

School of Architecture

Luc Vanraes X

Nathan Shehadeh X

School of Arts and Sciences

Emma Bonney X

Joseph Wages X

School of Business

Peter Cheely X

Matthew Moskowski X

School of Engineering

Richard Harrington X

William Otto X

School of Nursing

Felipe Avila X

Gabriela Sousa X

School of Philosophy

Simon Ospina X

Jakob Brown X

School of Social Service

School of Theology

Joshua Ortiz X

Julian Jayke Garza 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 at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Any legislation or business being presented has been provided to the Vice President at least 48 hours prior to tonight's meeting and to all other members of the Senate at least 24 hours prior to 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 8:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 8:17 PM

PRAYER – *Senator Hermes leads prayer with Our Father*

1. Public Comment 8:20 PM

A. Public comment will be taken at the start of the session. Comments will be limited to one minute per person. Persons making comments 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.

Vice President Weatherwax opens public comment

2. Swearing in of senators 8:27 PM

Vice President Weatherwax leads swearing in of senators

3. Confirmation and Swearing-in of Appointed Senators 8:28 PM

A. Gabriela Sousa, School of Nursing

Motion to vote by Senator Hermes, seconded by Senator Avila

Gabriela Sousa sworn in with unanimous vote in favor - 8:28

4. Adoption of Agenda 8:30 PM

Vice President Weatherwax asks for motion to adopt the agenda

Senator Moskowski motions to adopt, **Senator Hermes** seconds

Unanimous voice vote to adopt the agenda

5. Vice Presidential Address 8:39 PM

Vice President Weatherwax speaks on leadership.

6. New Business

A. Confirmation of Treasury Board Appointments 8:34 PM

i. David Wiechec, Freshman Director

Vice President Weatherwax reads Freshman Director Bio,

Senator Hermes moves to unanimously approve all nominees to voice vote in interest of time,
Senator Bert seconds.

Unanimous voice vote to approve **Wiechec** as freshman director → Passed

ii. Patricia Kohler, Director

Vice President reads **Kohler** bio.

Senator Hermes motion, **Senator Bert** second.

Voice vote for confirmation of **Kohler** → Passed

iii. Desta Devereux, Secretary

Senator Ortiz motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Moskowski**

Voice vote for confirmation of Devereux → Passed

B. Committee Chair Nominations and Elections 8:48 PM

i. President Pro-Tempore, Committee on Rules and Administration

Senator Harrington nominates **Senator Moskowski** for President Pro-Tempore

Senator Ortiz nominates **Senator Hermes**

Senator Hermes motions for a roll call vote

Senator Bert speaks out of order

Senator Moskowski motions to amend the voting to secret ballot, seconded by Senator Harrington

Vice President Weatherwax reads out bylaws, clarifies that all committee chair elections are to be done by ballot according to the bylaws

Ballot vote proceeds

Ballots are passed out by Secretary Reed and are received by Secretary Hammond

Senator Ortiz motions for secretaries to read ballots aloud

Motion proceeds to a voice vote → Succeeds

Secretary Hammond reads out ballot votes

JH: 10 MM: 11 A: I: Total: 22 /22

Matthew Moskowski elected President Pro Tempore vote 8:59

ii. Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs

Senator Hermes voices support for Senator Ortiz

Senator Moskowski motions to vote

Senator Hermes seconds

Ortiz: 21 A: 1 I: 0 Total: 22 /22

Senator Ortiz elected Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs

iii. Chair of the Committee on University Services

Senator Hermes nominates **Senator Vanraes**

Senator Moskowski nominates **Senator Hermes**

Senator Hermes declines the nomination

Senator Hermes motions for votes to be read aloud

Seconded by **Senator McNicholas**

Vote proceeds, ballots read aloud by Secretary Hammond

Vanraes: 18 A: 0 I: 4 Total: 22 /22

Senator Vanraes is elected Chair of the Committee on University Services

iv. Chair of the Committee on Student Resources

Senator Bert nominates **Senator McNicholas**

Senator Bert motions to vote, **Senator Moskowski** seconds

McNicholas: 17 A: 0 I: 5 Total: 22 /22

Senator McNicholas elected Chair of Committee on Student Resources

v. Chair of the Committee on Campus Life

Senator Ortiz nominates **Senator Harrington**

Senator McNicholas nominates **Senator Bert**

Senator Hermes motions for debate, seconded by **Senator Avila**

Period of debate begins

Senator Bert motions to vote, seconded by **Senator McNicholas**

Senator Harrington motions for vote to be read aloud, seconded by **Senator Bert**

Harrington: 9 Bert: 13 A: 0 Total: 22 /22

Senator Bert elected Chair of the Committee on Campus Life

Senator Hermes references misstatement from **Vice President Weatherwax** that indicated an erroneous count on the way out of the chambers

C. Senator Richard Harrington, School of Engineering (Resolution 001) 9:00 PM

i. A Resolution that the Catholic University of America Recognize the Second Monday of October Exclusively as Columbus Day

Vice President Weatherwax reads aloud resolution

Senator Harrington motions for amendment to fourth whereas clause

Seconded by **Senator Hermes**

Senator Bert rises with point of inquiry

Senator Hermes motions to amend all footnotes to proper ordering, points out that footnotes read 11 instead of 1 and motions to amend to change footnotes from 11 to 1, 22 to 2, 33 to 3; is seconded by Senator Moskowski

Period of debate

Motion to vote on amendment from **Senator Harrington**

Voice vote conducted, amendment approved

Senator Hermes motions for a vote, **Senator Moskowski** seconds

17 Ayes, 3 nays, 2 abstentions - Resolution Passes

D. Senator Joshua Ortiz, School of Theology and Religious Studies (Resolution 002)
9:10 PM

i. A Resolution to Address Cardinal Cards and Paper Plates in Garvey Hall

Senator Ortiz motions to vote on adoption of amendment; Moskowski seconds

Senator Hermes requests unanimous consent to approve the amendment

Senator Harrington addresses last whereas clause, motions to make the period a comma and the W lower case

Senator Wages motions to extend the meeting, seconded by Senator Moskowski

Voice vote conducted to extend the meeting until completion of the agenda, passes

Senator Bert motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Ortiz**

Roll call vote commences

19 in favor, 2 abstentions, 1 opposed - Resolution Passes

E. Senator Joshua Ortiz, School of Theology and Religious Studies (Resolution 003)
9:20 PM

i. A Resolution to Restore the Old Tailgate Location

Period of debate

Motion to vote from **Senator Moskowski**, seconded by **Senator Garza**

1 abstention, 1 nay, 20 in favor - Resolution Passes

F. Senator Joshua Ortiz, School of Theology and Religious Studies (Bill 001) 9:30 PM

i. A Bill to Allow For the Public Endorsement of Candidates During SGA Elections

Period of debate

Senator Moskowski motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Ortiz**

3 nays, 1 abstention, 18 in favor - Bill Passes

G. Senator Jack Hermes, Class of 2027 (Bill 002) 9:40 PM

i. A Bill to Reflect University Restructuring in Senate Bylaws

Amendment proposed to have 5 Senators on one committee and 3 on another

Motion to Amend Article 3 Section 6 Clause 2 - "Committee shall consist of 3 senators"

Unanimous consent approves amendment

Motion to vote from **Senator Ortiz**, second from **Senator Hermes**

Bill Passes unanimously

H. Senator Jack Hermes, Class of 2027 (Bill 003)

i. A Bill to End Committee Meeting Fatigue

Unanimous consent requested for Senator Bert to be added as cosponsor

Senator Ortiz motion to vote, seconded by **Senator Hermes**

Bill Passes unanimously

I. Senator Bert, Class of 2026 (Bill 004)

i. A Bill to Establish a Dress Code for Senate Meetings

Motion to vote from **Senator Harrington**, seconded by **Senator Bert**

20 ayes, 2 absent - Bill Passes 10:53

7. Vice President, SGA Updates

8. Open Floor 10:59 PM

Period of open floor comments

Motion to adjourn by **Senator Ortiz**, seconded by **Senator Wages**.

9. Adjournment 11:07 PM