

**The Catholic University of America**  
**Student Government Association**  
**2025-2026 Senate Session 11-4**



December 1, 2025  
8:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. EST

**Vice President** - Matthew Moskowski  
**Secretaries** - Griffin Reed and Aidan Williams

**Parliamentarian** - Nicolas Albarano

**Class of 2026**

Bennett Bert \_\_X\_\_  
Dion Sinodinos \_\_A\_\_

**Class of 2027**

Austin Janssen \_\_X\_\_  
Jack Hermes \_\_X\_\_

**Class of 2028**

Kevin McNicholas \_\_A\_\_  
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\_\_

**Tim and Steph Busch School of Business**

Peter Cheely \_\_X\_\_  
*Sede Vacante*

**College of Engineering**

Richard Harrington \_\_A\_\_  
William Otto \_\_X\_\_

**Conway School of Nursing**

Felipe Avila \_\_X\_\_  
Gabriela Sousa \_\_X\_\_

**School of Philosophy**

Simon Ospina \_\_X\_\_  
Jakob Brown \_\_X\_\_

**School of Social Service**

*Sede Vacante*  
*Sede Vacante*

**School of Theology**

Julian Jayke Garza \_\_A\_\_  
Joshua Ortiz \_\_A\_\_

**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**

### **PRAYER - Colquitt Our father, Glory Be**

#### **1. Public Comment**

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.

**Jude**, History Major, expresses gratitude for failure of Resolution 004 while voicing support for *The Tower* in opposition to the previous meetings ban on recording.

**Sarah**, Campus Ministry, speaks in favor of Resolution 014.

**Elias**, Criticizes the banning of recording.

**Matthew Nichols**, Cardinals for Comic Sans, decries unworthy senators, and advocates on behalf of his organization. After several warnings he is removed from the meeting.

**Michael Kish**, President of the Student Body, notes that behavior may foster poor legislative culture, adding that serious policy is required to prevent such. In his conclusion he provides an update on the status of prior legislation.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda from **Senator Wages**, seconded by **Senator Cheely**

*Voice vote conducted → Succeeds*

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Approval of Meeting 11-1 Minutes

Point of Order, from **Senator Hermes**

**Senator Bonney** motions to approve minutes, but is unable to receive a second

*Motion to approve Minutes 11-1 fails*

#### B. Approval of Meeting 11-2 Minutes

**Senator Wages** motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Bonney**

*Voice vote conducted* → **Senator Hermes** calls for division

**Roll Call** - *Motion to approve Minutes 11-2*

1.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Bennett Bert	(BB)
2.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Dion Sinodinos	(DS)
3.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Austin Janssen	(AJ)
4.	Y	<u>N</u>	A	I	Jack Hermes	(JH)
5.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Kevin McNicholas	(KM)
6.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	James Mazza	(JM)
7.	Y	<u>N</u>	A	I	Brinkley Colquitt	(BC)
8.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Fiona Tierney	(FT)
9.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Luc Vanraes	(LV)
10.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Nathan Shehadeh	(NS)
11.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Emma Bonney	(EB)
12.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Joseph Wages	(JW)
13.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Peter Cheely	(PC)
14.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Richard Harrington	(RH)
15.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	William Otto	(WO)
16.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Felipe Avila	(FA)
17.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Gabriela Sousa	(GS)
18.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Simon Ospina	(SO)
19.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jakob Brown	(JB)
20.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Julian Garza	(JG)
21.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Joshua Ortiz	(JO)

**Y: 14 N: 2 A: 4 I: 0 Total: 21/21**

*Motion to approve Minutes 11-2 passes*

### C. Approval of Meeting 11-3 Minutes

**Senator Wages** motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Bonney**

*Voice vote conducted → Succeeds*

### 4. New Business

#### A. Senator Austin Janssen, Class of 2027 (Resolution 013)

i. A Resolution to Improve the Visual Design of Cardinal Station

**Senator Janssen**, his cosponsor **Senator Hermes**, and senators **Otto** and **Avila** engage in discussion regarding Resolution 013.

**Senator Colquitt** motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Wages**

**Roll Call** - Resolution 013

1.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Bennett Bert	(BB)
2.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Dion Sinodinos	(DS)
3.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Austin Janssen	(AJ)
4.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jack Hermes	(JH)
5.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Kevin McNicholas	(KM)
6.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	James Mazza	(JM)
7.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Brinkley Colquitt	(BC)
8.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Fiona Tierney	(FT)
9.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Luc Vanraes	(LV)
10.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Nathan Shehadeh	(NS)
11.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Emma Bonney	(EB)
12.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Joseph Wages	(JW)
13.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Peter Cheely	(PC)
14.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Richard Harrington	(RH)
15.	Y	<u>N</u>	A	I	William Otto	(WO)
16.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Felipe Avila	(FA)
17.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Gabriela Sousa	(GS)
18.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Simon Ospina	(SO)
19.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jakob Brown	(JB)
20.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Julian Garza	(JG)
21.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Joshua Ortiz	(JO)

**Y: 15 N: 1 A: 5 I: 0 Total: 21/21**

*Resolution 013 passes*

**B. Senator Fiona Tierney, Class of 2029 (Resolution 014)**

i. A Resolution for the Department of Public Safety to create Public Safety Videos for Students

**Senator Tierney**; her cosponsors **Senator Janssen** and **Senator Shehadeh**; and senators **Bert, Bonney, Sousa, Avila, and Hermes** deliberate on Resolution 014.

**Senator Wages** motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Avila**

***Roll Call - Resolution 014***

1.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Bennett Bert	(BB)
2.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Dion Sinodinos	(DS)
3.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Austin Janssen	(AJ)
4.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jack Hermes	(JH)
5.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Kevin McNicholas	(KM)
6.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	James Mazza	(JM)
7.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Brinkley Colquitt	(BC)
8.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Fiona Tierney	(FT)
9.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Luc Vanraes	(LV)
10.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Nathan Shehadeh	(NS)
11.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Emma Bonney	(EB)
12.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Joseph Wages	(JW)
13.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Peter Cheely	(PC)
14.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Richard Harrington	(RH)
15.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	William Otto	(WO)
16.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Felipe Avila	(FA)
17.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Gabriela Sousa	(GS)
18.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Simon Ospina	(SO)
19.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jakob Brown	(JB)
20.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Julian Garza	(JG)
21.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Joshua Ortiz	(JO)

**Y: 16 N: 0 A: 5 I: 0 Total: 21/21**

*Resolution 014 passes*

**C. Senator Bennett Bert, Class of 2026 (Bill 006)**

i. A Bill to Protect the Spirit of the Bylaws Regarding Vacancies in the Senate

**Senator Bert** and **Senator Hermes** engage in a short discussion on Bill 006

**Senator Avila** motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Wages**

**Roll Call - Bill 006**

22.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Bennett Bert	(BB)
23.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Dion Sinodinos	(DS)
24.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Austin Janssen	(AJ)
25.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jack Hermes	(JH)
26.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Kevin McNicholas	(KM)
27.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	James Mazza	(JM)
28.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Brinkley Colquitt	(BC)
29.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Fiona Tierney	(FT)
30.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Luc Vanraes	(LV)
31.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Nathan Shehadeh	(NS)
32.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Emma Bonney	(EB)
33.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Joseph Wages	(JW)
34.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Peter Cheely	(PC)
35.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Richard Harrington	(RH)
36.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	William Otto	(WO)
37.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Felipe Avila	(FA)
38.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Gabriela Sousa	(GS)
39.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Simon Ospina	(SO)
40.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jakob Brown	(JB)
41.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Julian Garza	(JG)
42.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Joshua Ortiz	(JO)

**Y: 16 N: 0 A: 5 I: 0 Total: 21/21**

*Bill 006 passes*

**D. Senator Bennett Bert, Class of 2026 (Bill 007)**

i. A Bill to Clarify Procedures for Committee Chair Succession

**Senator Bert** details his proposed legislation

**Senator Brown** motions to vote, seconded by **Senator Wages**

***Roll Call - Bill 007***

43.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Bennett Bert	(BB)
44.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Dion Sinodinos	(DS)
45.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Austin Janssen	(AJ)
46.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jack Hermes	(JH)
47.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Kevin McNicholas	(KM)
48.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	James Mazza	(JM)
49.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Brinkley Colquitt	(BC)
50.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Fiona Tierney	(FT)
51.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Luc Vanraes	(LV)
52.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Nathan Shehadeh	(NS)
53.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Emma Bonney	(EB)
54.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Joseph Wages	(JW)
55.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Peter Cheely	(PC)
56.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Richard Harrington	(RH)
57.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	William Otto	(WO)
58.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Felipe Avila	(FA)
59.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Gabriela Sousa	(GS)
60.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Simon Ospina	(SO)
61.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jakob Brown	(JB)
62.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Julian Garza	(JG)
63.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Joshua Ortiz	(JO)

**Y: 16 N: 0 A: 5 I: 0 Total: 21/21**

*Bill 007 passes*

**E. Senator Bennett Bert, Class of 2026 (Bill 008)**

i. A Bill to Clarify Procedures for Removal from the Chamber for Disorderly Conduct

**Senator Bert** and **Senator Avila** engage in a short discussion on Bill 006

**Senator Wages** motions to vote, seconded by Senator Colquitt

**Roll Call - Bill 008**

64.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Bennett Bert	(BB)
65.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Dion Sinodinos	(DS)
66.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Austin Janssen	(AJ)
67.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jack Hermes	(JH)
68.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Kevin McNicholas	(KM)
69.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	James Mazza	(JM)
70.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Brinkley Colquitt	(BC)
71.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Fiona Tierney	(FT)
72.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Luc Vanraes	(LV)
73.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Nathan Shehadeh	(NS)
74.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Emma Bonney	(EB)
75.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Joseph Wages	(JW)
76.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Peter Cheely	(PC)
77.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Richard Harrington	(RH)
78.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	William Otto	(WO)
79.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Felipe Avila	(FA)
80.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Gabriela Sousa	(GS)
81.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Simon Ospina	(SO)
82.	<u>Y</u>	N	A	I	Jakob Brown	(JB)
83.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Julian Garza	(JG)
84.	Y	N	<u>A</u>	I	Joshua Ortiz	(JO)

**Y: 16 N: 0 A: 5 I: 0 Total: 21/21**

*Bill 008 passes*

**5. Vice President, SGA Updates**

**VP Moskowski asks Senators to report to Secretary Noory for videos, expresses gratitude for a great semester full of actionable and enforceable legislation and reminds everyone to attend the upcoming SGA winter workshop**

**6. Committee Chair Updates**

**Senator Hermes, Senator Shehadeh, Senator Vanraes, Senator Wages, and Senator Bert provide updates on their committees**

**7. Open Floor**

**Senator Bert** in light of his retirement has a short farewell speech. Senator Hermes expresses gratitude for Bert's time with the SGA

**Senator Bonney** expresses solidarity with the Tower and encourages upcoming Mother Teresa Day of Service as well as donations to Cardinal Closet

**Senator Avila** provides an update on his upcoming legislation

**Senator Wages** motions to adjourn, seconded by **Senator Colquitt**

**8. Adjournment 9:18 PM**