

# The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2022-2023 Senate Session 8-11

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CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL

8:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:16 PM

PRAYER 8:17 PM

**Senator Tamavo** opens the meeting in prayer.

1. Public Comment 8:18 PM

**Justin Lamoureux**, a junior politics and social work double major, rises in support of Bill 005. He says this is an important first step to transparency and accountability between all of SGA and the executive branch.

**Patrick**, a junior theology major, rises in opposition to Bill 005. He says that SGA already has checks and balances set in place, so there is no need to change any bylaws.

**Corey Crawford**, Director of Disability Support Services Executive Initiative, rises in support of Bill 005. He says checks and balances are important, this bill is not some great divide. He says it makes sure we can present and represent ourselves. He reads a quote that says that checks and balances are the greatest weapon against tyranny.

**Tony,** a sophomore rises in support of Resolution 031, sponsored by Senator Downing. He says that it is imperative for students to maintain their emotional and physical well-being; therefore, longer hours at the Kane Fitness Center is a great idea.

**Clare Marsh**, Co-Director of the Campus Wellness Executive Initiative, voices her support for Resolution 031.

**Emma Sharon**, a freshman politics major, rises in support of Resolution 031. She says this resolution is good for the physical and mental health of students.

**Executive President Crnkovich** thanks everyone for attending tonight and welcomes everyone back from break. He says this Wednesday, March 15th from 1:30-2:30, a focus group will be held in Mullen Library for the planning and reconstruction of the library. He says this is a great way for students to give administrators their input and designs for what it will look like. Also, he says Wednesday, March 29th, the baseball team will host their first game under the lights. He encourages everyone to attend and show their support for the student body and athletes. He says the softball team will play the next day under the lights. He encourages everyone to spread the word.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

8:24 PM

Motion to adopt the agenda by Senator Bommer and seconded by Senator D'Attelo

Vote on adoption itself→ Adoption passes

### 3. Approval of Minutes

8:24 PM

Motion to approve by Senator Ewing and seconded by Senator Suarez

Vote on approval of meeting minutes for Senate 8-10→ Approval Passes

#### 4. Senate Speaker

8:25 PM

### A. Provost Dominguez

Motion to suspend the rules by Senator Gehrig and seconded by Senator Kruger

Vote on suspension of the rules  $\rightarrow$  Suspension Passes

Provost Dominguez thanks everyone for inviting him tonight and begins with the background about him and his role at the University. He says he has been here for 6 years and previously came from the University of Nebraska, where he was a physicist. He says he chose to come here because, for the first time in his career, he could combine his faith and life as a scientist. He says he was the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences for 3 years here, then became the chief academic officer. Provost Dominguez says he works with the 12 deans of the academic schools and oversees the library, our Global Education Center, and the study abroad program. Also, he works with other vice presidents and President Kilpatrick. He says he is very excited to have President Kilpatrick here, as he is also a fellow scientist. He says his job is very rich and rewarding, he gets to talk with members of the National Science Boards, different banks, ambassadors, and cardinals and bishops. All of them help advise the university and faculty, especially 10-year for faculty.

Provost Dominquez says he is very happy to be here at the university and he has never worked with a university with such a wonderful student body, as we have here. He can say this student body is the best he has ever witnessed. He says he is thankful to be serving all of you and helping make sure things are working properly. He thanks everyone for the invitation to the meeting.

**Senator Curioso** asks how Provost Dominquez manages his time, given all the different items that keep him busy.

**Provost Dominguez** responds he has an amazing staff, and that is the only he can do things. He says he has a whole staff who helps him read emails and schedule, and has a chief of staff who helps him work on strategic issues. Also, he has an executive assistant who lays out each of his days and keeps him on track. He says he is very grateful for his great team and their dedication.

**Senator Kish** thanks Provost Dominguez for coming tonight and says it is great to have

administrators here. He asks with the new plans to expand the university, how we can maintain the identity of the University.

Provost Dominguez responds he came here because of the Catholic identity. He says he left a good job at the University of Nebraska because it was incomplete there, whereas this one is complete because it has the truth of God. He says we can't really speak those things in public, but we can speak them here and it is the road map to help us identify what being Catholic means to us. He says hiring faculty who want to be a part of this is important. He says students come and go, but faculty remains, sometimes for decades. He says a university is built on faculty members, so finding faculty who are excellent at what they do and at the same time 100% committed to the Catholic mission in their work is fundamental. He says we will continue to hire people like that, that is the secret to building the Catholic University. Provost Dominguez says that is what the university has been doing and will continue to do so; placing Christ as the center of our lives. However, that is not just within the faculty or board, but on the football team, cafeteria, or in SGA. He says that is what the Catholic identity is all about, it has grown and become stronger and will continue to.

**Senator Foley** asks how he would characterize the academic prestige of the school, especially regarding the 85% acceptance rate here.

**Provost Dominguez** responds this is really an excellent university. He says there are always going to be some great professors at other universities, but by far, all the professors he has hired and worked with are awesome. He says they can work anywhere and chose to work here because of the unique identity of the University. He says his office will double down on excellence and hiring excellent faculty, that is how we can improve. He says the university is trying to become a Research 1 university in the future, that is the road map and area for growth. He says he is very proud of the faculty and students.

**Senator D'Attelo** says President Kilpatrick's goal is 10,000 students in 10 years. He asks what is the greatest hindrance to this, and how should this proceed.

**Provost Dominguez** says the faculty have been asking themselves this. He says the university has been trying to grow the numbers, but they are doing things differently now. He says they have been working more as a unified team with not just all the vice presidents, but also the market and recruiting teams. He says the master students are not being included in recruitment, along with more international students. He says before this new approach, they all worked more silently and separately. He says this is great if it works, but it wasn't working. Therefore, President Kilpatrick reworked this and developed the one unified team approach, furthering growth and unity.

**Senator Bommer** thanks Provost Dominguez for attending. He asks how we can as SGA and the student body get involved in becoming a Research 1 university.

**Provost Dominguez** responds to take advantage of any and all research opportunities. He says there are many opportunities as undergraduates to participate in labs, research, and internships. He also says for students to talk to professors about their research, and be proactive about getting involved in research and extracurricular scholastic activities. He encourages students to make that a part of their undergraduate experience, especially by participating in the University Research Day. He says he is happy to hear any ideas from SGA that might have to do with expanding this.

Motion to restore the rules by Senator Foley and seconded by Senator Corey

#### **5. New Business**

## A. Committee Chair Updates

8:45 PM

i. Senator Besendorfer, Rules and Administration

**Senator Besendorfer** thanks Vice President Fahey and says her committee has no major updates. She says she hopes everyone had a great break.

ii. Senator Gehrig, Academic Affairs

**Senator Gehrig** her committee has no major updates. Senator Corey is working on a resolution about ethernet cords. She says Senator Downing has his first resolution hitting the floor tonight, and says they all are happy for him.

iii. Senator Martin, University Services

**Senator Martin** thanks Vice President Fahey and says she hopes everyone had a great spring break and safe travels. She says she is waiting for a response from Dean Smith on her internship credit resolution. She says she has a meeting Wednesday with Victor David. Senator McCarthy is working on his ASL resolution. Senator Zayas is working on her theology resolution.

iv. Senator Michels, Student Resources

**Senator Michels** thanks Vice President Fahey and says his committee has no major updates. He says Senator Musick's bill is hitting the floor tonight, and Senator Bommer is working with Senator Drauschak on the Brookland Arts Project.

v. Senator Drauschak, Campus Life

**Senator Drauschak** thanks Vice President Fahey and says his committee has no major updates.

#### B. Senator Downing, School of Business (Resolution 031)

8:50 PM

i. A Resolution to Extend Kane Fitness Center Hours and Resources

**Senator Downing** thanks Vice President Fahey and says the Kane Fitness Center is the only and primary fitness and wellness center open to all students on campus, and enjoyed by many. He says this resolution helps the Kane Center adapt and recognize that the majority of student activities range from early mornings and late nights. Therefore, extending the hours will help fit members of the student body's schedules. He says he met with Tim Carney and Jess Murtagh and says the main reason the hours haven't been extended previously is because of budget constraints. He says new equipment and a gender-specific hour cannot be done because of the current budget.

**Senator Besendorfer** thanks Senator Downing for his research and time in this resolution. She says she is an avid user of the Kane Center. She asks for Senator Downing to elaborate more on the first Be It Enacted clause and what that means compared to extending the hours and gender-specific hour. Also, she asks how he hopes to expand the budget. She says this was looked into last year and ran into budget problems.

**Senator Downing** responds the Be It Enacted clause is asking for the budget to be reevaluated and is vague for a reason. He says when he met with Tim Carney and Jess Murtagh, they said they can't extend the resources or classes because of the budget. He says in order to achieve what they need, the budget needs to be reevaluated.

**Senator Besendorfer** asks if there was anything else alluding to other than those listed in the Be It Enacted clause.

**Senator Downing** responds only the gender-specific hour and extending the hours. He says Tim Carney is not able to do that with the current hours, so extend the hours first and then add the gender-specific hour. He says there are a lot of resources they want to do but can't with the current budget, so the hours need to be extended first.

**Senator Bommer** thanks Senator Downing and says it is a great resolution. He asks if he came into contact with research if any comparable universities that have similar hours or a gender-specific hour. Or if there were any local recreation centers that they could talk to. He says many of his constituents have to buy another membership at a gym to fit it into their schedules.

**Senator Downing** responds Harvard University has a women's hour. He says the university currently has a women's weight training program, so implementing little programs to have separation can be accomplished at the Kane Center.

**Senator Kruger** says he is in full support of the resolution. He says he often times he can't go to the Kane Center because of his internship, so this is a great addition for those who work.

**Senator D'Attelo** asks that when Senator Downing met with Tim Carney and Jess Murtagh, were they open to extending the hours and fixing the budget problem? He asks did they sound optimistic and what was their feedback.

**Senator Downing** responds this was something they definitely wanted to do. He says there was a pilot program in 2020 and they have been working on it, but due to Covid, budgets have been cut or reallocated. He says the last resource to fully implement is a voice of support from the student body.

Motion to vote by Senator D'Attelo and seconded by Senator Bommer

Vote on Resolution  $031 \rightarrow$  vote passes with 25 yay's

Yay's: Bommer, Drauschak, Besendorfer, Michels, D'Attelo, Martin, Kish, Bert, Djilioni, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Downing, Phillips, Bubel, Ewing, Curioso, Henriquez, Musick, Foley, Tamayo, McCarthy, Noory, Corey, Suarez

#### C. Senator Drauschak, Class of 2023 (Resolution 032)

9:03 PM

i. A Resolution to Re-Establish a Partnership between the Catholic University of America and the Old Soldiers' Home Golf Course

**Senator Drauschak** thanks Vice President Fahey and says this resolution has been something he has been working on for a while. He says he met with President Kilpatrick, the golf coach,

Molly McManamon, Steve Kreider, and other administrators to rebuild the partnership they already had with the golf course. He says the original partnership ended because of negligence by the student body, so this is a great opportunity for the school to revise this. He says he and Senator Kish met with President Kilpatrick and has been in contact with the golf course administrators, specifically one director there. He says the director there was interested but their contact fell through, but we can press them about this with the resolution. Also, Senator Drauschak says this partnership can be community outreach and volunteering for students, and the engineering and architecture students could see if they can be at the course and do landscaping. This also incorporates the golf teams, who currently have a partnership with the University of Maryland, but their course is very far away. He says the golf coach is in favor of this. He says this university would be one of 3, division 3 schools to have something like this if it passes. Therefore, this is great for future students, especially as enrollment increases. Finally, you can see the Washington Monument from the course, so that is pretty amazing.

**Senator Kish** responds this is great PR for the university to have this and will develop fruitful relationships with members of the armed forces.

**Senator Curioso** thanks Senator Drauschak. He says the resolution mentions the course being about a mile away, so he asks if Senator Drauschak has any idea how people can get there. Also, he says the previous partnership ended because of negligence, so he asks if safeguards can be put in place to prevent this.

**Senator Drauscha**k responds he spoke with Steve Kreider and Molly McManamon and they were interested in using the campus shuttle, which is what they previously did. Also, he says students will need their ID to get in so there will be a check-in and checkout system. This will keep track of who goes and security will be there, so if anything happens they will know with the check-in system. He says this is a great opportunity for everyone, it provides volunteering, academic, and recreational opportunities. It will build a good connection with the golf course and will represent the students and the university.

**Senator Besendorfer** thanks Senator Drauschak and says she loves to see how this resolution has grown. She says she has friends on the golf team and the UMD course is far away. She gives her full support and encourages others to vote in favor.

**Senator Musick** asks about the binding partnership with UMD. She asks if we have to stay with them or pay a fee because of this new partnership.

**Senator Drauschak** responds he talked with the golf coach and that they would simply remove different aspects of the contract with UMD. They would still have access to the 18-hole course. He says the golf coach said they have plenty of room in the budget and this was something he tried to do a couple of years. He says there was a change in leadership at the golf course and is more interested in this new partnership.

**Senator Gehrig** thanks Senator Drauschak and says the resolution is well thought out. She asks if this would be only for undergraduate students or also for graduate students.

**Senator Drauchak** responds there are no specifics yet, but moving forward both graduate students, undergraduates, and faculty could use it. He says this will help build better relationships with the faculty, where professors can take their students there. He says he is very open to the idea of having everyone involved. He says prices might change, but that will be decided later on.

Motion to vote by Senator Ewing and seconded by Senator Suarez

Vote on Resolution  $032 \rightarrow \text{vote passes with 24 yay's}$ 

Yay's: Bommer, Drauschak, Michels, D'Attelo, Martin, Kish, Bert, Djilioni, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Downing, Phillips, Bubel, Ewing, Curioso, Henriquez, Musick, Foley, Tamayo, McCarthy, Noory, Corey, Suarez

# D. Senator Musick, School of Nursing (Bill 005)

9:15 PM

i. A Bill to Ensure Fairness in Establishing the Senate Agenda

**Senator Musick** introduces herself and delivers the following remarks:

"Senators, I want to open with a quote from Joseph Joubert, a French moralist and essayist. Joubert says, "It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it." Well, make it two quotes. Not to quote Spiderman, but to quote Spiderman, "with great power, comes great responsibility." Remember this as you cast your votes tonight.

I am delighted to bring this bill forward to the floor tonight. As mentioned in the title, the aim of this bill is to ensure fairer practice in the Senate when it comes to setting the agenda. All governments – local, state, federal, and even our little student government here at Catholic – must operate on a system of checks and balances. It was not until recently that I realized us Senators could benefit from having the change to the bylaws my bill presents. This bill is key to greater transparency, trust, and teamwork.

It is important to understand that this bill is not aimed at one person. It is for the benefit of both the Senate and the student body. The long and short of it is simple: no one person, no matter how good their reasoning or argumentation is, should be able to unilaterally block legislation without recourse. By withholding legislation and allowing no recourse for Senators, and by extension the student body, discussion and debate is limited — and no longer free.

Let's walk through a scenario with my proposed bill and its checkpoints. A senator has submitted a piece of legislation and the President of the Senate has decided to withhold it from the agenda. The legislation and a brief explanation from the President of the Senate is included in the agenda email sent to all Senators prior to a meeting. That's check #1. Many may see the President of the Senate's decision as perfectly rational and reasonable, and for those who may not, they may motion to bring it to the floor before adopting the agenda. That Senator needs a two-thirds majority just for the legislation to be included on the agenda. If all twenty-six of us are here, and if I did my math correctly, that is eighteen senators. That's nothing to sneeze at. If the two-thirds majority is not attained, the legislation is not brought forth. That's check #2. If the majority is reached, the legislation is added to the agenda where it will be the last item debated on. It would still need to pass in the Senate after debate to be enacted, just like everything else. That's check #3. And finally

to top it all off, if the legislation is so horrifyingly, horrendously egregious, the President of the Student Government Association can veto it. That's check #4. And if the Senate disagrees with the veto, they may override it with a three-fourths majority. That's check #5.

Without this bylaw, the Vice President, or President of the Senate, becomes more powerful than the President. "Why?" you may ask. Glad you asked! If the President were to veto a piece of legislation, the Senate could override the veto with a three-fourths majority. By withholding a piece of legislation from the agenda, essentially the President of the Senate is, in a way, vetoing that legislation except this time, Senators have no recourse. By withholding legislation from the floor, we are hindering the free exchange of thoughts and ideas — we are settling the question without the debate. This does not benefit the student body. It does not allow an opportunity to grow and to learn.

As an aside, I must also mention that it is incredibly disheartening to see a piece of legislation that you worked so hard on, had researched on, met with different administrators and professional staff on, worked weeks – even months – on, just go to waste.

Regardless of resume boosters for hill-ternships and law school applications, I would like to think we are all here because we want to leave some sort of positive impact on the lives of students at Catholic. So as I end my introductory remarks, I want to ask you two questions. Think about them, reflect on them. Who are we to stifle speech and fruitful debate? And more importantly, how dare we not take every opportunity to advocate for our constituents, for our student body? Thank you."

**Senator Curioso** says the federalists' papers lay out the importance of checks and balances and we must implement the same principles in this body. The withholding power has been unchecked every previous year of the senate and it should not continue any longer.

**Senator Besendorfer** says she agrees with everything that was previously said. As it is her third year in the Senate, this is not the first time this had been discussed. In one of her first years in the Senate, she found out that a Resolution was blocked during the meeting, which was disheartening. She says that this was not communicated in the right way. She was hesitant at first to cosponsor this Bill, but now she sees that this doesn't take away power from the VP, it simply puts a check on it. She lists examples of legislation being blocked in previous senates. She says the bylaws live on forever, so this fixes an issue that is clearly a historical problem.

**Senator Kruger** supports this and says as a politics major there are implied powers that aren't written down in all kinds of legislative bodies. In the senate bylaws, it is not explicitly stated that a VP can block legislation, but it is implied. He said the example of Senator Bommer's resolution being blocked was something he probably would have agreed with, but he had to hear about it on the floor of the Senate.

**Senator Henriquez** says he encourages all to support it given the previous statements.

**Senator Martin** says in regard to the recent resolution that got blocked, she had concerns about it. However, she saw that the sponsor was working hard on it and it deserved to have a debate whether she agrees with it or not. She says some resolutions are redundant but even though it can be this way, there is always new research and reasoning for bringing it back, and debate brings the senate closer. She says that this does not strip power from the VP.

**Senator Musick** says not only do we get to grow as a senate body, but we grow as individuals who learn something from these experiences whether these resolutions pass or not.

**Senator Tamayo** says he is concerned. He believes the VP's role is to set the agenda and that is what they were elected to do. He feels there is a sufficient balance of power, and that we should not make changes to it. If a sponsor and the President of the Senate meet one on one, that is sufficient enough.

**Senator Musick** says she respectfully disagrees with the statement that she is altering the President of the Senate role, she says if there was a prolonged absence of the VP, the person filling in and setting the agenda is not changed. She says the only difference is that if they withhold legislation, they must write a brief statement. She says it will not take away power. In regards to elections, the current executive ran unopposed. The ability to vote for another campaign did not happen. The seniors did vote for this executive and they are not here anymore, and the current freshman did not have a say in who the executive should be.

Motion to extend the debate by 7 minutes  $\rightarrow$  Motion passes

**Senator Besendorfer** says this was workshopped in a committee meeting before the break, and they voted on whether it should leave the committee. She says last year a bill was passed to clarify what was a precedent, but not an official written thing. She says that the Vice President setting the legislation is the only action that is not checked.

**Senator Michels** thanks President Fahey and comments on senator Tamayo's statement. He feels that it just gives the VP some check, a ¾ majority is a supermajority, so not an insignificant number to go against the VP's decision. He says it is good to have this debate and dialogue as opposed to being silent, if we don't have that 18, it does not get considered, and it doesn't make us a runaway senate.

**Senator Musick** agrees, she echoes that and thanks him. She says this is not changing anything and nobody gains or loses power, it just levels the playing field. If legislation was not able to be debated, people's minds would not change.

**Senator Foley** thanks them. He says he is worried about the direction SGA is headed. He is worried about the further division this will create. He says making compromises is what is most important. He feels that more conversations will need to be had about this.

Motion to extend the debate by 7 minutes  $\rightarrow$  Motion passes

**Senator Musick** says this is not becoming political because this is a college student government, a lack of transparency such as this creates more division. She says this is not meant to be us vs. them.

**Senator Besendorfer** says student government is a nonpolitical body. She says as President Pro Tempore she oversees rules and administration. She says this is a compromise, their aim is to

work with the executive, and she does not want to find out on the open floor or public comment that something is going on. She feels that there are many scenarios where the President of the Senate's explanation for blockage is valid, but it must be explained before meetings.

**Senator Kruger** says how is a Senate supposed to work closely with the Executive if we are not being communicated about what decisions are being made and for what reasoning? Doing this is a natural next step.

Motion to extend the debate by 5 minutes  $\rightarrow$  Motion passes

**Senator Foley** says in response to Senator Kruger, he mentioned that no one will be notified or know about legislation that has been blocked. He says that we will know, we may not know what was specifically stated, but we will know. He says the bylaws do not say the Vice President has to reach out when they do block something, but this year's President of the Senate did do this. He says this might be a good idea to have this in the bylaws, stating that they have to reach out, but this bill is more than that.

**Senator Musick** says that things can get lost in translation or through the grapevine is not the best way to operate notifications. She says yes, maybe most did find out about this, but it may have been a biased point of view, and some may have been left out.

**Senator Kish** says he is on the rules committee, he feels we can benefit from the debate on this. He says the ratio in the US House is 1 rules committee member to 28 representatives. It is simply an opportunity to get back at the executive and for the Vice President, he said the previous resolution regarding sexual orientation language didn't pass because it passed twice before. This is setting the agenda, he will not vote for it, and it is a clear push for some "dirty politics".

**Senator Musick** says he mentioned the constitution, the VP has two jobs - to run the senate and take over for the president.

Motion to vote by Senator D'Attelo and seconded by Senator Kruger

Vote on Bill  $005 \rightarrow$  vote passes with 16 yay's and 8 nay's

Yay's: Bommer, Besendorfer, Michels, D'Attelo, Martin, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Downing, Phillips, Ewing, Curioso, Henriquez, Musick, McCarthy, Noory

Nay's: Bert, Kish, Djilioni, Bubel, Foley, Tamayo, Corey, Suarez

# 5. Vice President, SGA Updates

9:50 PM

**Vice President Fahey** says that the President of the Senate has two roles, to act as an advocacy arm in relationship with the administration and also the student body. She says that all SGA senates have had blockage of legislation before. She says the purpose of the President of the Senate blocking legislation is because they have the intelligence regarding administration and the student body to make these informed decisions. If this responsibility is challenged, it hinders the effectiveness of the SGA. She hopes that future meetings will bring fruitful debate and empathy toward one another.

6. Open Floor 9:58 PM

**Senator Kruger** says the dining services workers' event will happen soon and he hopes all can come to speak with the workers about their experience of CUA dining.

**Senator Drauschack** says the Brookland Arts Project started today and he is looking forward to implementing all of this art. He says he is happy to answer questions about this. DPS appreciation day will be held soon.

**Senator Gehrig** understood the debate with SGA and the senate, she reminds everyone that we must better our campus and school and we must not lose sight of that. The shuttle program is running this weekend and if anyone is van certified, they can reach out to her to drive the shuttle. She encourages all to take the shuttle this weekend.

Senator Musick thanks everyone for the great debate. She thanks VP Fahey for bringing this bill to the floor, which she did not expect. She never intended to cater to just the admin's needs, but to her students and the nursing school. She wants to make it clear not with the intent of stripping power, but to make sure students, not in the meeting have a voice. She says CUA polls state that 68% of students did support this Bill and wanted more transparency. She adds that in SGA orientation there would be no legislation withheld if it did not contradict the mission of the university. In regards to Senator Michels and Senator Bommer's legislation, we can debate that, but it is important to honor our constituents. We serve the students who do not sit at these meetings.

**Senator Curioso** says he has been in email communication with Bil Jonas regarding the Starbucks vending machines. He also hopes to bring resolution to this body to enhance wheelchair access for confession space as well.

**Senator Besendrofer** says she is still working on the printer swap from the info desk to Maloney. She had a fruitful meeting with DSAC who loves the idea. She says she hasn't received a response from Tech Services. Dean Abela and her would love to hear student concerns. She thanks everyone for their votes tonight because it puts us on the right track to better students and constituents even if it is bumpy at times, it works for a better tomorrow.

7. Adjournment 10:10 PM

Motion to adjourn by Senator D'Attelo and seconded by Senator Djilioni

Vote on meeting adjournment  $\rightarrow$  Passes

Meeting adjourned