



The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2022-2023 Senate Session 8-5

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8:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. EST

ROLL CALL

Vice President - Maevis Fahey

Secretaries – Gary Van Pelt and
Natalie Zentz

Parliamentarian - Jon Norman

Class of 2023

Curtis Bommer A
Matthew Drauschak X

Class of 2024

Jamie Besendorfer X
Matthew Michels X

Class of 2025

Neil D'Attelo X
Ashley Martin A

Class of 2026

Michael Bert X
Bennett Kish X

School of Architecture

Hess Djilioni A
Marisol Zayas X

School of Arts and Sciences

Jordan Gehrig X
Jack Kruger X

School of Business

Ryan Downing X
Samantha Phillips A

School of Engineering

Luke Bubel X
Allison Ewing X

School of Music, Drama, and Art

Anthony Curioso X
Daniel Campbell X

School of Nursing

Cristian Hernandez X
Olivia Musick X

School of Philosophy

Liam Foley X
Charlie Tamayo X

School of Social Service

Michael McCarthy X
Ash Samuels X

School of Theology

Ryan Corey X
Andrea Suarez X

Key:

X- Here, A- Absent

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CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL **8:15 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **8:16 PM**

PRAYER **8:17 PM**

Senator Gehrig opens up in prayer with a Hail Mary.

1. Public Comment **8:18 PM**

A freshman social work major rises in support of Resolution 017. She says it is a wonderful idea and encourages others to vote in favor of it.

Corey Crawford, Director of Disability Support Services Executive Initiative, rises in support of Resolution 016. He says this resolution will help solve the problems Cardinal Ambassadors and the admissions office are facing. He states it is important to support them and the goals of the department.

Executive President Anthony Crnkovich thanks everyone for all their hard work and for taking the time to meet with the executives and administration. He says it is important to have a strong relationship with the administration to help pass resolutions. He wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels to all.

Executive Treasurer Karla Martinez-Victoria thanks everyone for attending the Treasury Board meetings. She reminds everyone their last meeting is December 6th. She encourages everyone to reach out with questions around campus or after senate meetings. She wishes everyone a great meeting and Happy Thanksgiving.

2. Adoption of Agenda **8:24 PM**

Motion to adopt the agenda by Senator Besendorfer and seconded by Senator Suarez

Vote on adoption itself→ Adoption passes

3. Approval of Minutes **8:24 PM**

Motion to approve by Senator Michels and seconded by Senator Besendorfer

Vote on approval of meeting minutes for Senate 8-4→ Approval Passes

4. New Business

A. Committee Chair Updates

8:25 PM

i. Senator Besendorfer, Rules and Administration

Senator Besendorfer thanks Vice President Fahey. She says her committee has two resolutions hitting the floor tonight: Senator D'Attelo with his gazebo resolution and her resolution about compensating campus tour guides. She hopes for the other senator's support, and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

ii. Senator Gehrig, Academic Affairs

Senator Gehrig says her committee had a fruitful meeting. She says Senator Foley is working on a resolution about spiritual readings and rosaries, Senator Corey is working on extending the market hours, and she is working on better access to printers. She wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

iii. Senator Martin, University Services

Senator Martin was absent from the meeting.

iv. Senator Michels, Student Resources

Senator Michels thanks Vice President Fahey and says his committee met last week. He says Senator Bommer is working with the Senior Vice Provost on tracking sheets for academic progress, Senator Phillips is working with the Dean of the Busch School of Business to get a printer there, and he is working on a resolution regarding anti-harassment.

v. Senator Drauschak, Campus Life

Senator Drauschak thanks Vice President Fahey. He says Senator Bert and Senator Bubel are working on driving safety and speed limit signs around campus, and he says his resolution is hitting the floor tonight.

B. Senator Michels, Class of 2024 (Bill 002)

8:30 PM

i. A Bill to Expedite the Publicizing of the Senate Agenda

Senator Michels thanks Vice President Fahey and his co-sponsors, especially Senator Besendorfer for guidance in the bill as Chairmen of Rules and Administration. He says half of the seats in the room are empty, and often times both sides are completely empty. According to the Senate Bylaws, the agenda is sent out to senators 24 hours prior to the meeting. As members of SGA, they receive the agenda, but the rest of the student body does not. They only receive the agenda a few hours before the meeting through an Instagram post. The post does not detail which senator is the primary sponsor. Senator Michels says the resolution asks for two simple changes to the bylaws. One, the President of the Senate ensures the agenda is published to the legislation tracker 24 hours before the meeting. Two, the senators will provide a brief sponsor statement on their resolutions, providing more details about the resolution. He says this bill will help interest more people to attend the meetings and establish better communication with students.

Senator Tamayo thanks Senator Michels and says it is a great way for students to be more aware

of what is occurring during meetings. He asks Senator Michels if he has spoken with the campus community or members of the executive board.

Senator Michels responds that most students are unaware of the issues being discussed during meetings, along with when the meetings are occurring. He says there is enough of a need to help fix these issues. He says he has spoken with Vice President Fahey and Senator Besendorfer to help draft this resolution and redeem the issues.

Senator Besendorfer says those asking about whose role this would fall under, it would be Executive Secretary Molly Mullin. She would help publish the agenda to the legislation tracker.

Senator Gehrig thanks Senator Michels and says this is a great way to get the student body more involved. She asks if the sponsor statement needs to be included in order for the resolution to hit the floor.

Senator Michels responds the brief statement will be submitted with the resolution, so they are required. He says this will help decrease any miscommunication.

Senator Zayas thanks Senator Michels. She asks if this bill would be effective immediately or next semester. She also says she was consistently asked about Senator Bommer's resolution about increasing the student activity fee; therefore, this bill is really useful for more clarification.

Senator Michels responds the bill would be effective as soon as it is signed by the executives. He says the bill will help those not aware of the meetings and resolutions, and provide those aware with more notice.

Senator Foley thanks Senator Michels and says he fails to see how this bill will bring more students to the meetings. He says by making the meeting and resolutions more transparent, fewer students will come. He states the senate as of now is the most transparent and engaging, but the room is still empty. He says that if he was just a student and comparing his Monday nights with a two-hour senator meeting or a short version of the resolutions as SparkNotes, he would choose the SparkNotes version. By getting more information about the resolutions before the meetings, students can spend more time studying instead of coming to the meetings. He says he is not against the bill, but wants clarification on how the bill supports the Be It Enacted clause.

Senator Michels responds he does not agree with Senator Foley's point. He says there is no incentive for them to come because they don't know what is up for debate. He says that if a student would love to have a gazebo on campus, they would show up and speak about it. He also says that often times student's don't know where to access the posted minutes, so more communication is needed. He says he would be happy to work with Senator Foley to help get more students present at the meetings. Senator Michels tells the senators if they don't like the bill, then don't vote for it.

Senator Besendorfer says that part of the problem is miscommunication. She refers back to Senator Zayas's point, where students were concerned about increasing the student activity fee. If the resolutions only had a SparkNote version, it would be misleading. She says that if there were two more sentences on the resolution or Instagram, students would realize the increase was \$4. She says that more communication is needed between the senate and the student body.

Motion to vote by Senator Besendorfer and seconded by Senator Kruger

Vote on Bill 002 → vote passes with 18 yay's and 4 nay's

Yay's: Drauschak, Besendorfer, Michels, D'Attelo, Kish, Bert, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Ewing, Campbell, Curioso, Henriquez, Musick, McCarthy, Samuels, Corey, Suarez

Nay's: Downing, Bubel, Foley, Tamayo

C. Senator Besendorfer, Class of 2024 (Resolution 016)

8:43 PM

i. A Resolution to Monetarily Compensate the University's Tour Guides

Senator Besendorfer thanks everyone for being here, and thanks Corey Crawford for his collaborative effort in the Resolution. She says to let her take everyone back 15 months ago to the Fall Fest of my sophomore year. She was on her way to attend the SGA senate interest meeting in the Pryz when a Cardinal Ambassador at the booth for the Admissions Office stopped her. Not wanting to be late to the meeting she quickly put her name down to receive more information about the program. After filling out her initial application and an interview with the EBoard and Emma Pace, one of the admissions counselors, she was accepted into the program. She underwent many training and information sessions before completing two shadow tours, a buddy tour, and then a multiple-choice quiz before she was certified to give tours. Shadow Tours are when you join a fully trained tour guide on her tour and you observe and learn from their style, interactions, and what they talk about at each stop, while interacting with the families on it and answering simple questions. A Buddy Tour is when you give a tour with a fully trained tour guide and work together to complete the tour. Often the one in training takes the lead and the fully trained tour guide is there to mention any information that may have been forgotten. Cardinal ambassadors quickly became part of my identity. By the end of the year, she had won "Most School Spirited Tour Guide" at the end of the year. Additionally, she has been running a Catholic University admissions TikTok for about a year and a half.

Serving her CUA community is something she loves, so she has gotten involved in many activities. However, she quickly learned the difference between volunteer activities and a job. She saw a difference in performance, attendants, and enthusiasm by participants in paid positions as opposed to volunteer ones. It is sad but a reality. They currently have 68 members in our Cardinal Ambassador GroupMe, but they receive daily messages, emails, or texts looking for coverage since they have big openings in the tour schedule.

Being a tour guide, you have a uniform, receive extensive training, sign up for shifts, and take on the responsibility of getting coverage if you can't do your shift. These are all characteristics that resemble a job, but students are not compensated for the work they do, leaving many feeling frustrated and unappreciated.

Cardinal ambassadors are the first line of students people meet when arriving at the university. They are the first and arguably the most important impression the university has on prospective students. One of her co-senators, Senator Michels can attest to this as he had someone put down their deposit directly following a tour he gave them. This job holds a lot of stakes and needs to be treated in accordance with that value. As she mentioned in my resolution, one of President Kilpatrick's biggest goals is to grow enrollment, and the best way to do that is to grow and support the admissions office. She had great conversations with tour guides at similar universities: Loyola University Maryland, University of Scranton, and Fairfield University. CUA

frequently compares itself to these universities because of our shared Catholic faith and comparable undergraduate size. She heard about their programs and what they do directly from their tour guides. All pay their tour guides minimum wage or above. Scranton University even pays on a scale where they increase from their baseline of the minimum wage each year you get paid more for each year of experience. In addition, with the help of the research team, she found out that George Washington University pays their tour guide \$16.50 an hour, which is the DC living wage.

She knows this idea has been discussed for a while and has been in the process of going through the budget office. She had the privilege to join the new VP of graduate and undergraduate enrollment Dr. Dee Gibson in a meeting with some of my fellow cardinal ambassadors about how we can improve the program. She is super eager to find ways to keep improving it. They discussed plans to work in the budget office to make this a reality for the summer fellows and fall tour guides. However, arguably the second semester is the most important time for admissions. The number of prospective and admitted students who attend our tours and information sessions doubles, as it is the primary time high school students decide that CUA will be their home. Pushing for this to be sent through the budget office before the start of next semester would significantly improve the Cardinal Ambassador program's ability to assist admissions at this crazy and pivotal time. Dr. Dee was also very on board and wishes to see this happen next semester. She even is asking for the DC living wage and DC Minimum wage.

Everyone took an oath to represent the constituents to the best of their ability. Today that is not only ensuring that peers are being monetarily compensated for the work they are already doing for the Office of Admissions but to ensure the university continues to grow and ensuring the CA program lives on after us. Prospective students should have the opportunity to see the university in the best light possible as we all experienced when we decided to attend CUA. And with that, she urges everyone to join her in voting yes on this resolution tonight, and would be happy to answer any questions and concerns anyone may have.

Senator Curioso thanks Senator Besendorfer for bringing this resolution to the floor. He shares his personal story of touring the campus in the summer of 2021. He says he was lucky to have a cardinal ambassador who was amazing and willing to take the extra step to show him all the accessibility areas. This tour was a major factor in deciding to attend the University. When he found out that the cardinal ambassadors were only volunteers, he said that couldn't be right and something needed to change. He encourages the other senators to join him in voting yes for the resolution.

Senator Ewing says as a freshman she became a cardinal ambassador. She says that the process of becoming one is no joke, you have to do buddy tours and learn an entire script. But, she says this makes all the difference, she herself decided to attend Catholic the night after a tour. She says cardinal ambassadors are an important aspect of our community, the campus depends on these tours. She encourages the senators to vote in favor of the resolution.

Senator Suarez says she became a cardinal ambassador for a year and it was a difficult job. She says it is an opportunity to interact with future students. She says President Kilpatrick has repeatedly said he wants to increase enrollment, therefore, it is important for all of us to compensate tour guides.

Senator Michels says this resolution is not looking to cash out and put money in students' pockets. The issue is with getting students to sign up for tours because they are volunteers. He

says it is important to start paying tour guides so they show up for their shifts and more students start coming to the University.

Senator Samuels says they loves this idea, everybody should be paid. They says their only concern is the expectations are a little high. They is worried the resolution won't go through the budgeting office because \$16.50 is a lot of money, and it is not work-study. They says the resolution should maybe be done in a better way because at this time they is voting against it.

Senator Besendorfer responds that when deciding between setting the price at minimum wage or living wage, Dr. Dee decided on a living wage. She says George Washington University does living wage. She says that this idea is in the works whether or not the resolution passes. Dr. Dee is pushing for it to pass for the springtime, which is a vital time for prospective students in deciding what college to attend. She says she has researched this resolution extensively and has compared what other colleges pay their tour guides.

Senator Michels says that the resolution can certainly be negotiated. It is a high number now, but can be changed in advocacy. There is no specific figure of what it could be. He says that hopefully, that alleviates senators' concerns and not to be too caught up on the number.

Senator Musick thanks Senator Besendorfer and asks how this will affect the hiring process and cardinal fellows. She also asks if a cardinal ambassador can still be a volunteer or if they are all paid positions. She says that volunteers not showing up for tours is more of a human resources problem. Senator Musick says that many other jobs on campus deserve to be paid, she personally does not get paid for nursing clinics. She says cardinal ambassadors are just giving a tour and know how to sell things.

Senator Besendorfer responds that clinicals are a graduation requirement. She says that there are many jobs that should be compensated, but need to start with one. That is the reason for being here, it is less about compensation and more about assuring they have tour guides and continue to exist as a university. She says that there is no HR in this program. Senator Besendorfer says that most colleges in DC compensate their tour guides. Dr. Dee said that paying tour guides would fix many issues cardinal ambassadors face. Regarding cardinal fellows, they would become one with cardinal ambassadors in the hiring process. Currently, they have 60 people, but this would be around 35 after the resolution passes. She says that those who want to volunteer and cannot commit to the hours for payment, can volunteer on admissions day and open house, so they would be less involved.

Senator Michels says this resolution is in no way saying cardinal ambassadors deserve the most because it is the most labor-intensive and deserves the most. The figure is simply the one that was discussed by the admissions team, mainly suggested by the Dean. He says he is a tutor and does not get paid very well, but this resolution is not about the figure.

Senator Kish says that this is an example of an economic incentive, where the demand is high and the supply is low. Therefore, there needs to be an increase in allocation. The figure is higher than the average income on campus, but this is a requirement. He says the University is trying to grow the campus, making this resolution important. He highly encourages other senators to support it.

Senator Besendorfer says that becoming a cardinal ambassador takes about a semester to complete. The only other job that training takes this long is the writing semester, and you have to

apply to work there. The writing center students receive \$15 an hour. The training to become a cardinal ambassador is difficult and time-consuming. She says the figure can be reevaluated and changed.

Motion to extend the debate by 3 minutes → Motion passes

Senator Downing thanks Senator Besendorfer. He asks for more insight regarding how many hours these tours are given a week, and how much cardinal ambassadors would be making overall.

Senator Besendorfer responds that two tours run a day with 3 tour guides, who arrive 15 minutes early and work after the tours have been completed. Extra time is applied for tour guides to write individual postcards and make pamphlets, along with answering questions after the tours. Tours occur during the fall and spring semesters with open houses, individual tours, admitted students day, and once a month on Saturdays. She says they also take time to help train future tour guides.

Senator Bubel agrees they deserve to be paid, but what the resolution is asking for is too high. ECS only gets paid \$11.50 and they set up each event in the Great Room. He says while they should be paid, he will be voting no because the figure is too high.

Senator Besendorfer thanks Senator Bubel for his concerns. She says it was not herself who set this figure, but Dr. Dee. She says compensating cardinal ambassadors is going to happen and is already being worked on.

Motion to extend the debate by 7 minutes → Motion passes

Senator Besendorfer says paying people equally is a separate issue, not everything can be done at the same time. The University of George Washington pays its tour guides \$16.50. She says she originally wanted minimum wage, but Dr. Dee pushed for living wage.

Senator D'Attelo says this is like budgeting and Shark Tank. Entrepreneurs shoot for low equity and the Sharks usually counter. He says \$16.50 is a good baseline if there is a counteroffer. Cardinal ambassadors would still be receiving a solid wage. He is in support of the resolution, especially because he was a cardinal ambassador last year. He said it was a very time-consuming job, and could not do it this year with an internship. He says there is a high demand for tours, which is why it's so important for this resolution to pass. Senator D'Attelo says he supports the resolution and encourages other senators to vote yes.

Senator McCarthy says the resolution is a great idea. He says many students would love to give tours and support themselves financially.

Senator Foley thanks Senator Besendorfer and agrees it is important to pay tour guides; however, \$16.50 is a big ask. He says that if this figure is achieved, it sets a massive precedent for other organizations. It will open the doors for something much larger; people will not want to work or look for other jobs. He says why would a student get paid \$10 when they can get paid \$16.50. He says there are too many possibilities and too much of a risk.

Senator Besendorfer responds last year, Murphy's Grill had open positions paying \$15 an hour and students weren't taking these jobs, they were begging students to come. She says the bigger issue is the training involved in cardinal ambassadors, not the figure. This number was

determined by the administration and Dr. Dee. She had a meeting last week with the admissions team and was told it would be \$16.50, and other universities are paying this.

Senator Michels says not to worry about the figure, this is what Dr. Dee is hoping to get. The figure will be discussed with administration and budgeting.

Motion to extend the debate by 3 minutes → Motion passes

Senator Zayas thanks Senator Besendorfer for the resolution. She is a member of cardinal fellows and is paid \$10.50. She says that if the Dean is hoping for \$16.50 that is great, and she likes the concept of combining cardinal fellows with cardinal ambassadors. She says it is not a negative thing if this resolution opens the doors for other organizations around campus. She says this is a great first step and something that should be happening.

Senator Drauschak says he echoes Senator Zayas and Senator Kish's statements. He says it is a great resolution and will make the application process more competitive. He says President Kilpatrick's message is to increase enrollment. Senator Drauschak states the figure is not up to Senator Besendorfer and was determined by the executives; therefore, any future comments regarding the figure would be repetitive.

Senator Gehrig thanks Senator Besendorfer and says this resolution is an investment in the universities future. She says cardinal ambassadors are the first people potential students meet; therefore, they need to make a good impression. Paying tour guides will lead to good things for the university. She encourages other senators to vote in favor of the resolution.

Senator Besendorfer responds potential students decide in the first 5 minutes of a tour if they like the school or not, which is why this resolution is so important.

Senator Musick asks how combining cardinal ambassadors and cardinal fellows will solve the issue of tour guides not showing up to tours, especially if there are fewer than 60 employees.

Senator Besendorfer responds that there would be a set schedule, and things would be taken a lot more seriously. She says it was hard to enforce a voluntary schedule. She says the program would be improved by combining both groups, with ideally 30-35 people. The program would be more strict, so people cannot cancel with random excuses.

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

Vote on Resolution 016 → vote passes with 19 yay's and 3 nay's

Yay's: Drauschak, Besendorfer, Michels, D'Attelo, Kish, Bert, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Downing, Ewing, Campbell, Curioso, Henriquez, Musick, Foley, McCarthy, Corey, Suarez

Nay's: Bubel, Tamayo, Samuels

D. Senator D'Attelo, Class of 2025 (Resolution 017)

9:20 PM

- i. A Resolution to Construct a Campus Gazebo

Senator D'Attelo thanks Maevis and his co-sponsors, he says he is thrilled to be bringing this to

the floor. He loves the green space on campus and after many days of playing games on the lawn or reading or studying he realized there are no covered outdoor spaces to hang out with people or be alone. After talking with many people on campus, he concluded that a gazebo would be beneficial to the students. He says it will help students to enjoy being outside but with protection from the weather. He says he wants people to hang out in an outdoor space and this plan would help with having performances and speakers and could be a nice spot on campus. He said he met with the architects and the administration would back these ideas. He says he did a walkthrough with these people and they picked spots where this could be constructed along with designs. He says all locations currently listed on the resolution are preliminary. He is excited to work with the Senate to achieve this goal.

Senator Kish makes a joke about getting sunburnt, he says this would have been a great idea during the pandemic. He supports the resolution and encourages everyone to do the same.

Senator Curioso says he has concerns that will prevent him from voting for this resolution. He says gazebos won't have wheelchair accessibility and he says this gazebo could be used as a smoking area for students.

Senator D'atello says he discussed these issues with many people. He says it will have a ramp for ADA compliance. As for smoking, the gazebo will be placed in a location that is frequently monitored by DPS.

Senator Downing asks how large the gazebo would be and if the money would be through university funding or philanthropy.

Senator D'Atello says he worked with the Guadalupe project and they're thinking about this maybe being a playground too. He says they usually cost between 10 and 25 thousand dollars and it may require labor as well. He says after speaking with the architect and the university there would be a cap on the number of 25 thousand. He says the money could come from philanthropy and he is willing to speak to donors about that. He says the area will be comfortable enough for privacy but not comfortable enough for marijuana smokers.

Vice President Fahey says if students are 25 feet from a building they can smoke

Senator Musick suggests that the university lawn may be a better location. She asks for clarification regarding the size of the gazebo.

Senator D'Atello says the location is undecided. He likes this area of campus because it's a quiet space and he did not want to put it too far away, like O'Boyle. He says if it is closer to McMahon that might be good as well. He compares the 25k gazebo to a band stage. He moves away from the podium and has Senator Kish join him in the middle of the floor to demonstrate the size of the gazebo.

Senator Besendorfer says she has many points to raise but she supports the resolution.

She starts by saying that there's a gazebo in her hometown which she has fond memories of and there's a real sense of community in one. She loves the idea to put it near Marist. It will draw people into the location. She says the university constantly talks about how they want to use their space, this would do just that. She says this overall will be a good addition to further enjoy campus.

Senator Samuels says she has one question. She asks if the university support if the resolution is passed.

Senator D'Atello says it is in the works with many departments and those he met with love the concept. He says the administration is on board with the idea. The logistics and funding are still undecided but this project is likely to succeed.

Senator Kruger asks if there would be outlets in the gazebo.

Senator D'Atello says this was discussed. He says electricity was considered if bands want to have performances, etc. He says if the cost became too much of an issue there would be no electricity. But for now, it is a consideration.

Senator Bubel says he likes the idea and he asks if there would be a pathway to the gazebo or if would just be on the grass.

Senator D'Atello says there will be a pathway.

Senator Corey asks what the point of a gazebo is. He says if the weather is that he will go inside. He says there is covered space on campus, like the law school, which does not get used often.

Senator D'Atello thanks Senator Corey for the concerns. He says the gazebo will be multifaceted it could be for speakers and for music. The university could also collaborate with the Rome School for projects. In the evening, classes can be held or small clubs would probably get use of it. It would bring joy to many and the purpose would be a covered space but it's much deeper than that.

Senator Kish says his points were hypothetical but the effort will be made to make the gazebo lovely and not an eye sore.

Senator Foley says the gazebo next to Aquinas would be a great location. He asks if a grill next to the gazebo would be possible.

Senator D'Atello says that could be considered as well. There is unlimited opportunity for the space and he is excited to work with the administration and the student body to hear these ideas.

Senator Downing asks if the space will be just free to use or if it will have to be reserved online. He also asks if it will get a lot of use given that the new Garvey Hall has a lot of outdoor covered space.

Senator D'Atello says he envisioned the space as a free space that anyone can use when they walk past it. Additionally, he says the resolution states that Garvey Hall is not yet open, and this would be additional space.

Motion to vote by Senator Corey and seconded by Senator Kruger

Vote on Resolution 017 → vote passes with 19 yay's, 2 nay's, and 1 abstain

Yay: Drauschak, Michels, D'Attelo, Bert, Kish, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Downing, Bubel, Ewing, Campbell, Henriquez, Musick, Foley, Tamayo, McCarthy, Samuels, Suarez

Nay: Curioso, Corey

Abstain: Besendorfer

E. Senator Drauschak, Class of 2023 (Resolution 018)

9:45 PM

- i. A Resolution to Establish an Annual “Brookland School Arts Project”

Senator Drauschak begins by making a motion to amend the resolution's first Be It Enacted Clause.

Motion to amend and change the first Be It Enacted Clause by Senator Drauschak → Motion passes.

The first Be It Enacted Clause now reads: The project will take place over a six week period, starting on March 13, 2023 and ending on April 24, 2023.

Senator Drauschak says many schools would benefit from this resolution and so would CUA. He Emjolee Mendosa-Waters gave him contacts to all these schools, all schools listed in the Resolution are interested in this event and would encourage it. He says one school wants him to come in and talk about it and also make flyers. He says there are a lot of kids in the area and it would be great to have them display their artwork and it would show awareness and appreciation for Brookland’s youth. He says it is important that the Senate understands there's interest from the schools and from the administration. He says they have an idea to have this near Earth Day. He says given that the schools and CUA is on board, he would like to see the Senate on board as well.

Senator Besendorfer thanks Senator Drauschak for the idea and says there was something similar in her elementary school. She says there is an area in the business school to display papers, so the artwork could be displayed there. She encourages everyone to support this.

Senator Musick says this is a great resolution. She asks if there is interest from the school students and not just the administration. She asks if there may be space in Garvey Hall for the artwork.

Senator Draushack says they’re all K-8 schools and in one school there are 28 kids so they are very small schools. He says many of the schools are deeply invested in the arts and they hope to get a lot of support. He says the students showed interest according to the administration. He says in terms of Garvey Hall there's not enough space or room, so they will most likely display this in the Pryz.

Senator Samuels says they want to discuss the schools. They say St. Anthony’s is a preschool and the others are K-8 and they believe Washington Jesuit is an all-boys, Beacon House is an afterschool program, and imagine hope is an elementary and middle school. They say the kids will be invested in this and they say they work with many of these kids and through DC reads they know it will be great.

Senator Drauschak says he had ideas to expand this, but CUA administration wanted to keep it local.

Senator Besendorfer says she has taken a tour of Garvey hall there is not much wall space upstairs. She says it is similar to The Eatery.

Motion to vote by Senator Samuels and seconded by Senator Kruger

Vote on Resolution 018 → vote passes with 18 yays and 4 nays

Yay: Drauschak, Besendorfer, Michels, D'Atello, Bert, Kish, Zayas, Gehrig, Kruger, Ewing, Curioso, Campbell, Henriquez, Musick, McCarthy, Samuels, Corey, Suarez.

Nay: Downing, Bubel, Foley, Tamayo

5. Vice President, SGA Updates

9:58 PM

Vice President Fahey says she sent the survey for this semester and wants the senate's feedback if they haven't filled it out if. She says if they want to meet she's always around and if they haven't been to a treasury board meeting, the last one is December 6th. She thanks the secretaries.

6. Open Floor

10:00 PM

Senator Foley wants to put bookshelves in St. Vincent's chapel. He says he will work with Campus Ministry and hopes to bring this to the floor soon. He encourages anyone who wants to help to reach out.

Senator D'Atello thanks everyone for their support of Resolution 017 and was approached by the Veterans Association to move the small memorial we have for all who are killed in the line of duty. He says he will look into making the memorial more prominent.

Senator Samuels says in regard to their Holocaust memorial resolution that went back to the committee, the university agreed to add a garden to the memorial. She says it will not return to the floor.

Senator Drauschak thanks everyone for their support for his resolution. He wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He says many events are upcoming in the Pryz for Christmas, he encourages everyone to check them out.

Senator Curioso says he's not working on any resolutions but he wants to bring attention to two events the choir and orchestra will have an annual Christmas Concert at the basilica on December 2nd at 7 pm and encourages all to support it and come. He says we have a radio station on campus which he has a segment on and he encourages suggestions of what music to play.

Senator Besendorfer says thank you for the support and opposition of her resolution and for the fruitful debate. She wishes everyone safe travels and well thanksgiving to all. She says she is on the Business School's Dean advisory council, she says cardinal closet is offered to students who receive business clothes and donate business clothes. She encourages everyone to check that out.

Senator Bert says Senator Bubel and him met with Kirk McLean to encourage people to drive slower and to discourage driving on Flather hill so if anyone has insight reach out for that.

7. Adjournment

10:05 PM

Motion to adjourn by Senator D'Atello and seconded by Senator Bubel

Vote on meeting adjournment → Passes

Meeting adjourned.