

Bill 001
A Bill to Update Senate Committee Composition
Sponsored by: Senator Hermes
Co-Sponsored by: Senator D’Albero, Senator Albarano

Whereas,

Article III, Section 4, Clause 3 of the Student Government Association Senate Bylaws currently states that The Committee on Rules and Administration “will be chaired by the President pro tempore” and “will be comprised of four (4) Senators selected by the President pro tempore and approved by the President of the Senate.”

Whereas,

Article III, Section 5, Clause 3 of the Student Government Association Senate Bylaws currently reads, “Each School shall have one representative on the Committee on Academic Affairs, which will be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate. These nine (9) Senators will comprise the Committee on Academic Affairs, as well as the Committee Chair.”

Whereas,

Article III, Section 6, Clause 2 of the Student Government Association Senate Bylaws currently reads of The Committee on University Services, “This committee shall consist of four (4) Senators and a Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”

Whereas,

Article III, Section 7, Clause 2 of the Student Government Association Senate Bylaws currently reads of The Committee on Student Resources, “This committee shall consist of four (4) Senators and a Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”

Whereas,

Article III, Section 8, Clause 2 of the Student Government Association Senate Bylaws currently reads of The Committee on Campus Life, “This committee shall consist of four (4) Senators and a Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”

Whereas,

The current Student Government Association Senate Bylaws, as outlined above, require 30 Senators to fill the committee composition.

Whereas,

The Student Government Association Senate, with no vacancies, is composed of 26 senators.¹

¹Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of The Constitution of the Student Government Association

Whereas,

A four-fifths (4/5) quorum to conduct business would be defined as all four (4) members of the Committees on University Services, Student Resources, and Campus Life.

Whereas,

It is necessary for Committees with four (4) members to be able to conduct business in the absence of a Senator.

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby amends the following clauses of the Senate Bylaws to read:

- Article III, Section 4, Clause 3: “The committee will be chaired by the President pro tempore, elected by the process outlined in Article III Section 1 Clause 4. The committee shall consist of up to five (5) Senators including the Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.
- Article III, Section 5, Clause 3: “This Committee shall consist of up to one representative of each School. This committee shall consist of up to nine (9) Senators including the Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”
- Article III, Section 6, Clause 2: “This committee shall consist of up to four (4) Senators including the Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”
- Article III, Section 7, Clause 2: “This committee shall consist of up to four (4) Senators including the Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”
- Article III, Section 8, Clause 2: “This committee shall consist of up to four (4) Senators including the Committee Chair. Senators shall be selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby amends its Bylaws to include:

- Article III, Section 1, Clause 5: “Each senator shall serve on exactly one standing committee as selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the President of the Senate.”

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby amends the following clauses of the Senate Bylaws to read:

- Article III, Section 2, Clause 6: "Business may only be conducted in the presence of a quorum of the Committee. Quorum shall be defined as three-fourths (3/4) of Senators on the Committee."

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby amends the following clauses of the Senate Bylaws to read:

- Article II, Section 4, Clause 1: "When a Senator resigns from the Senate, that member shall submit, in writing, his or her resignation to the President of the Student Government Association, the President of the Senate, and the Committee Chair of the standing committee on which that member serves. This shall be considered a vacancy."
- Article VIII, Section 2, Clause 2: "A bill of censure may be proposed by any Senator or by a majority vote of the standing committee the Senator serves on to the Committee on Rules and Administration."

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

Jeff Lance
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