

Bill 006

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

Sponsored by: Senator Bert

Whereas,

Article II, Section 4 addresses the procedures for filling vacancies in the Senate.

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Article II, Section 4, Clause 2 specifies that nominees for vacant Senate seats may be nominated by each of the standing committees, in addition to one nominee selected by the President of the Student Government Association.

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Despite this provision, recent practice shows that Presidents of the Student Government Association have never tasked Senate committees with selecting nominees for appointment, resulting in a narrower pool of candidates for consideration.

Whereas,

The existing bylaws state that the President “may” solicit nominations from Senate committees, making the use of this nomination process optional rather than standard.

Whereas,

Accepting nominations from committees will allow for a wider pool of nominees with greater perspective and representative ability.

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 changes the Senate Bylaws to read:

Article II, Section 4, Clause 2: “To fill a vacancy in the Senate, the President of the Student Government Association shall task each of the Senate committees outlined in Article III with selecting a nominee for appointment to the Senate. The President may also select one nominee of their own. The President of the Student Government shall then choose one candidate from among these nominees, whose appointment shall be confirmed by the Senate by a simple majority vote.”

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

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