

Bill 008

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

Sponsored by: Senator Bert
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Hermes

Whereas,

Article II, Section 9, Clause 1 of the Student Government Association Constitution states “All meetings shall be open to the University community and no undergraduate student shall be denied admittance to observe a meeting of the Senate unless by the process outlined in the Senate Bylaws.”

Whereas,

The referenced process is outlined in Article IV of the Senate Bylaws.

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 9, Clause 1 of the Senate Bylaws outlines procedures for clearing the chamber.

Whereas,

Under the current bylaws, the presiding officer may, or at the request of a majority of those present and voting, clear the chamber of any or all persons that they feel are causing or creating a disturbance.

Whereas,

There are no guidelines for the determination of what is a disturbance or disorderly conduct.

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 introduces the following clauses into the Senate Bylaws:

1. Article IV, Section 9, Clause 1: “In case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, the presiding officer may clear the chamber of any or all persons causing or creating the disturbance. At the request of a majority of the Senate members present and voting, the presiding officer shall clear the chamber of any or all persons causing or creating a disturbance or engaging in disorderly conduct. Any person(s) may be readmitted to the Senate Chamber upon approval of the presiding officer or by a majority of the Senate members present and voting.”
2. Article IV, Section 9, Clause 2: “Disturbance or disorderly conduct shall include conduct that the presiding officer determines to be such, as well as any conduct prohibited by an act of the Senate in accordance with Article V.”

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 asserts:

1. Removal from the chamber can include a blanket removal of any person(s) engaging in a certain disturbing or disorderly behavior. For example, the removal of any individual wearing clothing with profanity, any individual talking out of turn, any individual eating loudly.

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

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