

## **Bill 002**

### **A Bill to Expedite the Publicizing of the Senate Agenda**

**Sponsored by: Senator Michels**

**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer, Senator Curioso, Senator Drauschak,  
Senator D'Attelo**

***Whereas,***

Article VI, Section 1, Clause 3 of the Senate Bylaws details the President of the Senate's responsibilities revolving around setting the agenda.

***Whereas,***

Article V, Section 4 of the Senate Bylaws outlines the procedures revolving around the submission of legislation by Senators to the President of the Senate for consideration to be included on the agenda.

***Whereas,***

The Senate agenda is set at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to scheduled meetings and all members on the Senate membership rolls are notified of the agenda when it is set by the President of the Senate.

***Whereas,***

The student body only receives a few hours notice in regards to what items are on the agenda or what the actual language of the legislation is, as an Instagram post is usually made the morning of a Senate meeting on @catholicsga, but only the names of agenda items are listed and not the documents themselves.

***Whereas,***

The Senate public gallery is usually empty.

***Whereas,***

More students would be inclined to attend Senate meetings and sit in the public gallery if they were more aware of the matters up for debate.

***Whereas,***

The student body would benefit from having more notice of what items are on the Senate agenda and what documents are up for debate as opposed to only several hours before a Senate meeting, increasing the opportunity for them to speak to their senators about items on the agenda.

***Whereas,***

The student body would benefit from having a concise description of the pieces of legislation up for debate that is more comprehensive than a simple title.

***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 adds the following clause to the Senate Bylaws:

- Article V, Section 4, Clause 14: When Senators submit pieces of legislation to the President of the Senate for consideration for the agenda, a brief and concise “Sponsoring Statement” shall be submitted concurrently by the prime sponsor of said legislation via e-mail to the President of the Senate, explaining the intent of the legislation and what issue(s) said legislation seeks to address.

***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 clause of the Senate Bylaws:

- Article VI, Section 1, Clause 3: The President of the Senate shall have the power to format and set the agenda for each Senate meeting. The President of the Senate is further responsible for ensuring the distribution of the agenda via email to all members on the membership rolls at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Said agenda shall include any relevant legislation or other documents pertinent to the corresponding Senate meeting. The President of the Senate shall also ensure that all legislation and agenda documents to the corresponding Senate meeting be publicized to the student body at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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

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Anthony Crnkovich  
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