

**Bill 002**  
**A Bill to Clarify the Eligibility for Class Senate Seats**  
**Sponsored by: Senator Sharpe**  
**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Haeflinger, Senator Moore**

***Whereas,***

Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the Student Government Association reads:  
“For the purposes of voting, candidacy, and assumption of elected positions, the following standard earned credit schedule shall be utilized: freshman 0-29 credits, sophomore 30-59 credits, junior 60-89 credits, senior 90+ credits. All Senators representing their class must have the necessary credits upon the beginning of the fall semester of their term.”

***Whereas,***

Article II, Section II, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the Student Government Association reads:  
“A candidate may only hold office for a school or class in which the candidate is currently enrolled.”

***Whereas,***

SGA’s governing documents do not currently provide explicit guidance regarding how to enforce these constitutional provisions.

***Whereas,***

Historically, students seeking to run for academic school seats must be a major in the Academic School they seek to represent. While this policy is enforced, it is not explicitly codified in the Student Government Association’s governing documents.

***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 clauses to the Senate Bylaws:

- Article VII, Section 4, Clause 1, XVI: Ensure that all candidates running for class Senate seats have the appropriate number of credits upon the beginning of the fall semester of their term.
- Article VI, Section 1, Clause 8: If a Senator eclipses the range of credits required to serve in a class seat, the President of the Senate must ensure that the Senator vacates their seat.

***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 clauses to the Senate Bylaws:

- Article VII, Section 4, Clause 1, XVII: Ensure that all Senators are a major in the academic school they seek to represent.

- Article VI, Section 1, Clause 9: If a Senator representing an academic school changes their academic school during their term, the President of the Senate must ensure that the Senator vacates their seat.

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

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