

Resolution 005

A Resolution to Allow Meal Exchanges in Murphy's Before 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by: Senator Shanahan

Whereas,

Murphy's Grill, which opened for the Catholic University community in September 2017, was built as a result of over four million dollars in donations from alumni and friends of the University. Murphy's is intended to be a gathering space and dining area for all Catholic University students.

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All freshman and sophomore students living on campus are mandated to purchase a university dining plan, which is a large financial burden. The "All Access +5" plan costs \$3,125 per semester, while the "All Access +7" plan costs \$3,230 per semester. Both plans allow students unlimited access into the Student Restaurant, and both should give students a set number of "meal exchange" swipes to be used in the Food Court or Murphy's Grill.

Whereas,

There is currently a restriction in place which prohibits a student from using his or her meal exchange swipe as a form of payment before 1:30 p.m. on weekdays in Murphy's Grill, directly contradicting the mission of Murphy's, which is to be a gathering place for students.

Whereas,

This policy is alienating to students who cannot afford the financial burden of paying out of pocket for a meal that should be covered by their meal plan. Catholic University aims to be an inclusive environment, and restricting a dining area in a student center to only those who can afford an extraneous charge does not accomplish this goal. The 1:30 p.m. mandate directly contradicts the mission of Murphy's.

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 requests that Dining Services continues to evaluate the effectiveness of this policy and strongly considers lifting this restriction for future semesters.

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

Jimmy Harrington

President of the Student Government Association

Weston Kirby

Vice President of the Student Government Association

