

Bill 004

A Resolution to Amend the Procedures for Filling a Vacancy in the Senate

Sponsored by: Senator Kilgore

Co-Sponsored by Senator Bracey, Senator Galassi, Senator Harrison, Senator Paviglianiti, Senator Schlee, Senator Sijgers, Senator Zentz

Whereas,

The current procedure for filling a Senate vacancy is outlined in Article II Section 4 Clause 2 of the Senate Bylaws, which reads, “To fill a vacancy in the Senate, the President of the Student Government Association shall make an appointment which shall be confirmed by the Senate under a simple majority vote which will constitute the Senate’s advice and consent.”

Whereas,

It is imperative for the representative and logistical functions of the Senate that all vacancies be appropriately filled in as timely a manner as possible.

Whereas,

The President of the Student Government Association is one individual and therefore has comparatively limited contacts to draw upon in selecting a candidate for appointment to the Senate.

Whereas,

Due to the commitments and responsibilities entailed by serving as a Senator, it may be difficult for the President of the Student Government Association to find a candidate within their own community willing to be appointed to the Senate.

Whereas,

The existing committee structure of the Senate encompasses Senators of many different majors and academic years, as well as Senators with various contacts from assorted extracurricular activities and involvements.

Whereas,

Being presented with a variety of candidates to fill a vacancy will ensure that The President of the Student Government Association has considered all options to fill the vacancy, and the recommendation of these committees ensures that all class levels and majors are being considered to fill a vacancy.

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 Article II Section 4 Clause 2 of the Senate Bylaws be amended to read, “To fill a vacancy in the Senate, the President of the Student Government Association may 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.

Gerald Sharpe
President of the Student Government Association

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Vice President of the Student Government Association

