

**Resolution 005**

**A Resolution to Ensure Student’s Greater Success on Comprehensive Exams**

**Sponsored by: Senator Schlee**

**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Buckley, Senator Besendorfer, and Senator Sijgers**

***Whereas,***

All Senior Undergraduate students who plan on graduating are required to pass a Comprehensive Exam that has been created by their major’s department of study.

***Whereas,***

Comprehensive Exams are created by the department in which the student’s major falls and usually take the form of either a research assignment or exam.

***Whereas,***

Fall 2020 classes have been primarily conducted in an online format instead of the traditional in-person format and Spring 2020 classes were moved to an online format after Spring Break due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

***Whereas,***

Many students have taken their introductory classes for their major of study in an online format.

***Whereas,***

Online classes are not as effective as in-person classes and rely on different methods of testing and alternative assignments to form a student's grade.

***Whereas,***

Students have previously felt unprepared or unaware of what to expect in regards to the Comprehensive Exams even before classes moved to an online format.

***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 every undergraduate department re-evaluates their Comprehensive Exams based on the impact online learning has had on student’s education. Also, that all departments provide students with appropriate study or research aids at least one month prior to the day of the Comprehensive Exams.

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

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