

Resolution 021

A Resolution to Ensure Students' Ability to Succeed on Comprehensive Exams

Sponsored by: Senator Sharpe

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Lehman, Senator Farrell, Senator Moore

Whereas,

To graduate from Catholic University, all students must pass a comprehensive examination during their senior year.

Whereas,

Comprehensive Exams are created by the department or academic school in which the student's major falls and usually takes the form of either an exam, research assignment, or essay.

Whereas,

Professors schedule coursework that coincides with students' comprehensive exams.

Whereas,

The importance of comprehensive exams emphasizes the need for students to focus solely on the exam and not other substantial school work.

Whereas,

A major's comprehensive exams typically occur at the same time each year, which makes planning a course's syllabus around the exam more seamless over time.

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

1. All professors in all academic schools refrain from scheduling tests, essays, or other substantial assignments 3 academic days before and 3 academic days after students are scheduled to take comprehensive exams in that class's major if they have seniors with comprehensive exams in the class.

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

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