

Resolution 023

A Resolution to Increase Student Knowledge of Title IX Policies

Sponsored by: Senator Michels

**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer, Senator Birth, Senator Cunningham,
Senator Holcomb, Senator Kwiatek**

Whereas,

Sexual offenses are defined as “a range of behavior including, but not limited to: sexual assault; sexual harassment; dating violence; domestic violence; stalking; indecent exposure; sexual exhibitionism; use of communication systems to send unwanted sexual material and messages; prostitution or the solicitation or employment of a prostitute; peeping or other voyeurism; allowing others to view consensual sexual activity; the non-consensual video or audio recording of sexual activity; or any conduct prohibited by applicable law.”¹

Whereas,

Section 304 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) establishes that in an effort to prevent sexual violence on campus, universities must:

“... develop or adapt and provide developmental, culturally appropriate, and linguistically accessible print or electronic materials to address both prevention and intervention in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking.”²

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America meets this standard with their online training course entitled ‘Not Anymore,’ but only requires this training for students prior to beginning their studies at the university.

Whereas,

The ‘Not Anymore’ training program educates students about preventative efforts pertaining to sexual violence, understanding consent, intervening as a bystander, and emphasizing specific crisis resources available to students.

Whereas,

Requiring online video training only once during a student’s time at The Catholic University of America is legally sufficient and compliant with VAWA, but may not provide enough aid to students in need.

Whereas,

Students would benefit from re-education training, completed after their freshman year.

¹ <https://policies.catholic.edu/students/studentlife/studentconduct/assault.html>

² <https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ4/PLAW-113publ4.pdf>

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 the Office of the Title IX Coordinator and the Dean of Students Office requires additional Title IX and sexual violence prevention online video training after students' first year at The Catholic University of America.

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

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