

## **Resolution 033**

### **A Resolution to Strengthen the Joint Academic Programs**

**Sponsored by: Senator Schlee**

**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Martin, Senator Bowman, Senator Farrell, and  
Senator Crnkovich, Senator Besendorfer**

***Whereas,***

There are several joint programs that allow undergraduate students to accelerate their course of study and begin graduate or law school level classes before officially graduating from their undergraduate program of study.

***Whereas,***

These programs are heavily advertised to prospective students and freshmen as great opportunities to save money, time, and to leave the university with an additional degree.

***Whereas,***

The use of these programs has dwindled over the past few years and is extremely underutilized due to a lack of communication and lack of clear guidelines as to how one can complete a joint program.

***Whereas,***

The process by which students become a part of these sort of joint programs is informal and there is little to no guarantee for students that they are admitted into these programs until it becomes too late to alter one's course schedule.

***Whereas,***

The university can benefit from the greater use of joint programs as it can improve the success of students when in the workforce, illustrate a high retention rate for the community as a whole, and benefit students greatly.

***Whereas,***

Most students who try to participate in joint programs at the university do so out of the perceived convenience of completing additional education at the Catholic University and take their business elsewhere when it becomes too difficult for them to apply or be guaranteed these sorts of accommodations.

***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 all Schools at the University re-evaluate the existing programs to include:

1. More specific guidelines and deadlines for when to apply into these graduate or law school programs and to advertise these on the appropriate website pages.

2. The development of a series of informational events where the entire process is laid out for students and the administrators are available to answer questions, in the form of an in person event when possible.
3. A required contract or written agreement between students and the Deans that guarantees the student's acceptance and ability to participate in the said program when they fulfill the requirements.
4. A greater effort be taken to have the 3 + 3 Law Program and all 4+1 Master's Programs better and more accurately advertised earlier on in a student's career.

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

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