

Resolution 035

A Resolution to Increase the Wage of Writing Center Tutors

Sponsored by: Senator Crnkovich

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Moore, Senator Bowman, Senator Besendorfer

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America provides students complimentary access to the Writing Center located in the Mullen Library, virtually, and asynchronously. This center provides students with the resources and one on one assistance needed to improve one's writing in a wide variety of assignments and projects.

Whereas,

The convenience of on-campus and in-person tutoring benefits those who have difficulty navigating the city, as well as those struggling financially.

Whereas,

The Writing Center employs nine undergraduate writing tutors who provide aid in all steps of the writing process: comprehension of material, brainstorming, outlining, drafting, and matters of grammar and style¹.

Whereas,

The undergraduate writing tutors are highly qualified and spend one full semester undergoing training prior to beginning their tenure.

Whereas,

Undergraduate students who are employed on campus have a range of wages from \$10 per hour to \$20 per hour, yet the current wage for undergraduate student workers at the Writing Center is \$12 per hour.

Whereas,

Other universities in the DC area pay their undergraduate Writing Center tutors as much as \$16.50 per hour.²

Whereas,

Similar and nearby one-on-one tutoring sessions range from \$100³ to \$210⁴ per hour.

¹ <https://success.catholic.edu/academic-support/writing-center/index.html>

² <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10SXiNxLSTrcA25bEbyTp5ULpvlxDSYy2G71z3S420X0/edit>

³ https://www.revolutionprep.com/academic-subjects/english/writing/?gclid=Cj0KCCQiA3fiPBhCCARIsAFQ8QzX7kmIPTCyQwhTAzfR4ybp3MpvNxn0-X3pJIANGY4Aa4_EiKM78uREaAnvvEALw_wcB

⁴ <https://www.ginsburgadvancedtutoring.com/pricing-plans>

Whereas,

These services are utilized by a large number of students from a wide range of majors and are encouraged by all professors.

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:

- 1) The wage for undergraduate students working in the Writing Center be raised to \$15 per hour.
- 2) The requisite budget adjustments be made in future years to ensure that this is feasible.

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

Abigail Anger
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Vice President of the Student Government Association

