

Resolution 017
A Resolution to Limit Tuition and All Fee Increases at CUA
Sponsored by: Senator Spinelli

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America's Board of Trustees voted to raise tuition and fees for the academic school year 2018-2019 by 3.9 percent.

Whereas,

This tuition increase marks the third increase in as many years of more than 3 percent. Tuition and fees were raised in 2016 by 3.8 percent and in 2017 by 3.6 percent.¹

Whereas,

Student loan debt accounts for the second largest amount of debt by Americans. Americans owe \$1.48 trillion spread amongst 44 million borrowers which average out to \$33,636 per student.²

Whereas,

Since 2000, inflation in the United States has risen on average only 2.17 percent.³

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in their official capacity as representatives of the undergraduate student body at The Catholic University of America do hereby that the University would create a tuition guarantee. The University would set tuition and all fees for the first year and transfer students each year that will remain constant for a period up to 5 years. The tuition and all fees for those students who are not first year or transfer students will remain at the tuition and all fees rate for the 2018-2019 academic year. This change would be implemented for the undergraduate student body starting in the 2019-2020 academic year.

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

¹ <http://cuatower.com/2018/02/university-approves-3-9-tuition-increase-in-2018-19-academic-year/>

² <https://studentloanhero.com/student-loan-debt-statistics/>

³ <http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/historical-inflation-rates/>

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