

Resolution 050

A Resolution to Improve the Printing Experience on Campus

Sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Farrell, Senator Haeflinger, Senator Kwiatek

Senator Martin, Senator Pelekasis, Senator Schlee

Whereas,

At the Catholic University of America (CUA), printing is an included service for all students that is already factored into our cost to attend the university.

Whereas,

Currently the only printing options available to all of the student body are located in the Mullen Library, the Information Desk in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center (Pryz), and Leahy Hall.

Whereas,

Leahy Hall is the only spot on campus that offers 24/7 printing, since it is also home to the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Whereas,

Many professors require students to come prepared to class with printed materials, assignments, and study materials, especially in the disciplines of the fine arts, engineering, and philosophy.

Whereas,

Currently, there are no printers located in any residence halls that are available to all residents.

Whereas,

Many students often feel weary about making the walk from their residence hall to Leahy Hall in the dark to use the printers.

Whereas,

In past years, the University has had printers available to the student body in varying locations, some being in residence halls like Millennium Residency Halls and Centennial Village (CV).

Whereas,

Other universities that CUA commonly compares itself to: University of Loyola Maryland and Fordham University who have printers in all of their residence halls and Fairfield University and Georgetown University who have printers in most of their residence halls.

Whereas,

The current printers available to the student body are run down due to the overuse they endure daily often causing delays and extensive repair costs.

Whereas,

Offering a wider variety of printing options would elevate some of the burden felt by the other already existing printing locations on campus

Whereas,

Opus Hall opened in January 2009 and is the newest and technologically advanced on-campus housing option commonly used by upperclassmen students.

Whereas,

Opus Hall is home to over 400 undergraduate male and female students, making it the most occupied residence hall on campus and is the only co-ed occupied building on campus.

Whereas,

It is common practice that not all residence halls have the same services and amenities available and further that these vary year to year.

Whereas,

Technological infrastructure such as printers can be an expensive investment in our university and student's learning experience. These should be implemented in stages to ensure their continual demand and that it is a good fiscal decision.

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 the university evaluate the current printing options available to student body to improve the overall experience by:

1. Starting a year-long trial run of implementing a printer into Opus Residence Hall that would be available to all residents of the building.
2. Following the trial run, re-evaluate installing more printers in other residency halls contingent on the success of the trial run.
3. Incorporate a space for printing services into the design plan of future residency halls being built on campus.
4. An audit will be completed over the summer, prior to the commencement of the trial run re-evaluating the state and functionality of all printers across campus that are open to the general student population.
5. Technological Services develop and publicize a system similar to the facilities maintenance form to deal with any rising problems with any of the printers across campus.

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

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