

Resolution 053

Resolution to Provide NARCAN and Adequate Training Programs

Sponsored by: Senator Lackey

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Schlee, Senator Kwiatek, Senator Fahey, Senator Drauschak, Senator Moore, Senator Suarez

Whereas,

The distribution and presence of effective treatment for opioid overdoses for emergency situations has become readily available at most local pharmacies and is most commonly called NARCAN.

Whereas,

The opioid epidemic is still very present within the United States where nearly 50,000 people died in 2019 from opioid overdose.¹

Whereas,

Many colleges and universities, including Columbia University and The University of Texas Austin, have started to provide NARCAN publicly at major buildings on campus and amongst Residence Life staff.

Whereas,

NARCAN is a non-prescription treatment, easy to use, and free of cost in Washington, D.C.

Whereas,

NARCAN is delivered intranasally and poses no health risk to the administrator, and it will not harm an individual who is not experiencing opioid overdose.

Whereas,

Good Samaritan Laws offer “broad liability protection for anyone who prescribes, dispenses, or administers naloxone in good faith.”²

Whereas,

Residence life staff often have to be the first to respond to difficult situations such as drug abuse by students and could utilize NARCAN to save someone’s life.

Whereas,

The Catholic University already provides emergency use medical treatment devices such as Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and First Aid Kits where NARCAN could be added to this set of provided materials within major buildings on campus.

¹ <https://nida.nih.gov/drug-topics/opioids/opioid-overdose-crisis>

² <https://agb.org/trusteeship-article/preventing-opioid-overdoses-on-campus-the-naloxone-solution/>

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. NARCAN be placed in all buildings on campus in addition to the emergency medical treatment materials that are already provided.
2. Residence Life staff will be highly encouraged to receive NARCAN training.
3. Peers and the Student Nurses Association partner to host events training the student body on the use of NARCAN and the protections they provide.

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

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