

Resolution 054
Resolution to Bring Better Transparency to Events Related Annually
Allocated Student Organizations

Sponsored by: Senator Schlee

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer, Senator Farrell, Senator Pelekasis,
Senator Crnkovich

Whereas,

A majority of student organizations at The Catholic University of America must go through the Student Government Association Treasury Board funding process in order to fund events or other activities.

Whereas,

As a part of this process student organizations are required to follow a series of steps and procedures for the Student Government Association Treasury Board to ensure that the student activity fee is responsibly and properly allocated.

Whereas,

This procedure includes but is not limited to the following steps: completing a funding request online, creating a presentation, creating a line by line budget sheet, presenting for funding, and answering questions post presentation. Additionally, all these organizations are expected to provide the Treasury Board with an expected number of attendees when presenting for funds.

Whereas,

All allocations of the various student organizations are publicized on the Student Government Association website on a weekly basis.

Whereas,

The Treasury Board bylaws outline a special process for a few specific student organizations under Article III, titled "Annual Allocations."¹ These are for organizations that frequently need funding due to the magnitude or frequency of events.

Whereas,

The student organizations that are events-related and that currently receive annual allocations are Campus Ministry, Program Board, and CenterStage. These student organizations are funded in totality before the start of the school year in conjunction with the Student Government Association Treasurer and the Office of Campus Activities.

Whereas,

The budgets of these student organizations comprise a large portion of the student activity fee and this information is not publicly available to the whole student body like each weekly allocation by the Treasury Board is.

¹ file:///C:/Users/Maura%20Schlee/Downloads/TB%20Bylaw%20Reform%20Fall%202021%20(2).pdf

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. All student organizations that receive annual allocations and are events related are required to report a breakdown of their spending on every event and the accurate number of attendees to the Student Government Association to be published on the website on a monthly basis.
2. The Student Government Association leads by example and publishes a breakdown of their spending and number of attendees for every event on a monthly basis.

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

Abigail Anger
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