



The Catholic University of America Student Government Association 2021-2022 Senate Session 7-2

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8:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. EST

ROLL CALL

Vice President - Monica Wallace

Secretary – Nicole Campos and
Jordan Gehrig

Parliamentarian - Mike McCabe

Class of 2022

Gerald Sharpe X
Alan Cunningham X

Class of 2023

Matthew Drauschak X
Patricia Kwiatek X

Class of 2024

Jamie Besendorfer X
Matthew Michels X

Class of 2025

Maevis Fahey X
Ashley Martin X

School of Architecture

Melissa Kazanci X
Jared Jagiello X

School of Arts and Sciences

Maura Schlee X
Garrett Farrell X

Busch School of Business

Isabel Buckley X
Raegan Lehman X

School of Engineering

Emily Bowman X
Margaret Bubel X

Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art

Kyle Holcomb X
Sophia Pelekasis X

School of Nursing

Brooke Lackey X
Christina Hermann X

School of Philosophy

Michael Moore X
Tony Crnkovich X

School of Social Service

Grace Birth X
Abby Harris X

School of Theology

John Scott X
Vacant

Key:

X- Here, A- Absent

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CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL **8:10 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **8:16 PM**

PRAYER **8:17 PM**

Hail Mary- By Senator Lehman

1. Public Comment **8:18PM**

A. Public comment will be taken at the start of the session. Comments will be limited to one minute per person. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, and if applicable naming the college or organization they represent. In accordance with Senate bylaws, the Vice President may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of this body, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting, irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

Will McGowan, a senior, is in charge of SGA Express. The program is brand new this year and drops Wednesday at 10:30 AM. There is reduced Amtrak, Marc Train, and bus tickets. They are hoping that for Christmas it will be expensive. The students who are financially need-based will get larger subsidizing for their tickets than those who aren't, but all can apply. He asks everyone to spread the word and share the SGA Instagram post. Vice President Wallace will be sending out a spreadsheet for tabling and it is our civic duty as senators to help inform our constituents of this.

President Abby Anger updates the Senators about the recent School of Theology senate seat vacancy. She has four appointments for interviews with four potential candidates scheduled for next week, and hopefully by next session the seat will be filled.

Rory O'Connor voices his support for Senator Sharpe's resolution. He has worked with the demonstrations around the Uyghurs. This is not far off from what the Senate would do. He wants to talk about how this relates to our school. American companies are complicit such as Coca Cola, Kind, and many other companies. These companies are involved with genocide and facial recognition. We want to ensure that our university is not involved with these companies and are

free of their investments. This comes down to our very identity as a Catholic institution.

2. Adoption of Agenda

8:21 PM

Motion to adopt the Agenda by Senator Farrell and seconded by Senator Bensenforder

Motion passes

Vote on adoption → Adoption has passed

3. Approval of Minutes

8:22 PM

A. Session 7-1 (October 4, 2021)

Motion to approve by Senator Schlee and second Senator Moore

Motion passes

Vote on approval of minutes → Approval has passed

4. Committee Reports

8:23 PM

A. Senator Sharpe, Rules and Administration

Senator Sharpe thanks Vice President Wallace. The committee is the only committee not mandated to meet every off week. However, it's still important and not trivial. They are in charge of the oversight of the body, the rights of the senators, and any changes to the bylaws. Their first meeting is Monday, October 25th to get the ball rolling.

B. Senator Schlee, Academic Affairs

Senator Schlee thanks Vice President Wallace. The committee had an incredible first meeting on Monday. Everyone was present and she was proud of all of the senators who are working on their first resolutions. Those who have not met with their academic deans are working on scheduling meetings. They are working on advising issues and there are three resolutions from first year senators. The senators are getting ready for the next meeting and hopefully bringing forth more resolutions.

C. Senator Besendorfer, University Services

Senator Besendorfer thanks Vice President Wallace. They had their first meeting last Monday and had a great discussion. They talked about projects and ideas that are coming up. The Upass resolution is from one of their members and the benefits of sustainable aspects of it are good. They are looking forward to developing more resolutions and everyone should vote in favor of the Upass resolution.

D. Senator Farrell, Student Resources

Senator Farrell thanks Vice President Wallace and they had a very productive meeting last Monday. They talked about academic and residential building hours, the bookstore, grading checkpoints, and look forward to their resolutions hitting the floor in the future. All senators

were there and it was a very productive meeting.

E. Senator Birth, Campus Life

Senator Birth had a wonderful first meeting with all new senators. They focused on learning the basics of committee and senate. There are a few resolutions on the works, including one slated for the next meeting. Senator Faehy is looking into DSS accommodations and making them better, Senator Michels is investigating getting filtered water fountains for CV, looking at wifi improvements, and improving the blue light system to increase safety. She encourages the senators to reach out to those senators if they are interested in those resolutions.

5. New Business

A. Senator Schlee, School of Arts and Sciences (Resolution 005)

8:25 PM

Senator Schlee thanks Vice President Wallace. When we all entered this university, we enter many contracts. We agree to follow student conduct policies on campus living and enter into a contract with our major and with our program of study. We agree to fulfill those requirements and in return the university will provide us a diploma. Unfortunately, different departments change requirements on students over their student career. This can be classes being added onto or subtracted, which can be extremely problematic. We are all aware that academic and CACS advisors have a high turnover rate which is problematic when there is no sound foundation for students. When requirements are changed there is little to no communication. Students can't make changes in a timely manner or can't graduate or realize they can graduate early. She is an example of this, as she is accidentally graduating early. In a way, the University is altering and changing the contract, therefore breaking it. If you agree to certain classes, the only changes that should be made are ones that benefit the student. This is a recurring issue. She has had five advisors over the three years she's been here and graduation requirements have changed. It was not communicated, yet we are still expected to follow through. This is being introduced to make sure students are being helped and ensure better communication. She urges everyone to vote in favor.

Senator Kwiatek speaks on behalf of the juniors. There were many people, herself included, who have had issues where classes either in their major or in the liberal arts requirement were changed without them being notified, which is a problem. It is frustrating, especially being in the last half of the time here. Past classes are no longer being counted for credits. If it counted before, it should stay that way. She urges everyone to vote in favor of this resolution.

Senator Martin is happy that Senator Schlee brought this to the floor. She is a freshman and doesn't want to see the requirements change. She is looking into pursuing a double major, minor, and certificate, and needs to plan. She has already had three different advisors and urges everyone to vote in favor and it could be a great help for CUA.

Senator Farell agrees with all the things being said. In his sophomore year, the math requirement changed and he couldn't complete the minor he wanted to. This will help future students at the university.

Senator Sharpe thanks Vice President Wallace and questions if Senator Schlee would be open to amending the resolution. In the fifth whereas clause he suggests giving examples of specific

departments.

Senator Schlee thanks him for his suggestions. She has had five academic advisors over her three years. Her liberal arts curriculum was changed three times in her education requirements, none of which were clearly communicated. A chemistry major who is one of her constituents, got his graduation requirements changed and he is required to take new classes. This forced him to take a summer class, but not everyone has the financial means to do this. This should not be the case, and everything should be clearly communicated and things should not change in the middle. The only changes that should be made are removing a class. For example, the intelligence studies certificate got a class removed because it was not readily available and that benefited the student. Those changes are fine, but other ones are not okay when they add classes. It is problematic and prevents people from graduating on time.

Senator Cunningham is curious if there are specific examples of a class being added for a requirement.

Senator Schlee cannot think of any off the top of her head pertaining to the exact class, but all of that information will be given to the executive if the resolution is passed.

Senator Birth has an example within the School of Social Service. Her freshman year she was able to take statistics class and one semester of research. Now she needs two joint classes of research. She was not notified and it caused a moment of confusion on top of messing up her plans to graduate early. She will be voting in favor and urges everyone else to as well.

Senator Holcomb is curious as to where it would be up to the executive and where you would want the requirements communicated. Has had trouble personally with his department and them updating their website and pages.

Senator Schlee knows that some schools are better than others at communication and updating their websites. For example, the Business School is great at it. Email communication is sometimes lost in the rush of everything. The website is a huge resource but is never updated in a timely fashion. The website hasn't gotten updated in months, or sometimes even years which is incredibly problematic if you follow old requirements. She is brainstorming new ways of communication such as better advice. She knows there needs to be more communication.

Senator Buckley thanks Senator Schlee and she herself is another example of the lack of communication between the department and CACS. She has been told one thing by CACS, then another by her department and it causes confusion.

Senator Schlee made the first point a little more vague on purpose because she knows every school in the university is different and did not want to group everyone together. She is talking with people to come up with their own way of communicating the changes and appreciated the addition.

Senator Michels thanks Senator Schlee and supports the resolution. He asks if advisors will directly tell us when changes are made, and how will we make sure they accomplish this. He knows the high turnover rate, and his advisor quit. He had a situation last year with CACS and was unaware that a course satisfied a requirement and there was a lot of back and forth. He

emphasized that this is necessary.

Senator Schlee acknowledged that this is only a small portion of the problems with advising and is planning on working on another resolution in the future. Some issues are a different battle with different meetings and this issue needs to be addressed first.

Motion to vote by Senator Sharpe and seconded by Senator Besendorfer.

Motion to vote passes.

Vote on Resolution 005 → vote passes with 25 yay's

B. Senator Crnkovich, School of Philosophy (Resolution 006)

8:40 PM

Senator Crnkovich thanks Vice President Wallace. As an Opus RA, when he was on call, he was woken up three different times to let residents in because they lost or forgot their key. Some RAs are musical theater majors, which is demanding, others are studying for the LSATs, and getting woken up 3 times is conducive. We can avoid situations like this and we have the technology to let us. He thought of this idea when he held his phone up to the sensor and apple pay opened. Schools such as Duke, the University of Alabama, and Johns Hopkins have implemented this technology. Clemson has gone the farthest with the online key being used for not only dorm access, but also bookstore payment, printing, laundry, snack machines, and more. He had a conversation with Tim Kearne and the Cardinal Card is at the end of it's life and needs to be replaced. He wants to move online and it can be accomplished. It is extremely convenient and people would prefer it. It would prevent seemingly all lockouts, but if a resident is locked out they can still call the RA on call. It would contribute to a higher level of safety. It will also cut down on fraudulent card use because it will only work on the building the resident lives in and other approved buildings. While it has a higher upfront cost, it is cheaper over the long run. It is \$30 to replace a lost Cardinal Card, and he wonders how much each individual card is. The current system is not more affordable. With President Garvey retiring, the University needs to show that they can make good decisions. It would be a little detail that will be seen by prospective students and visiting alumni. Alumni will be encouraged to donate more. It is our job to see this through, as the student population wants this.

Senator Fahey thanks Senator Crnkovich for bringing this forward. Speaking as a member of the class of 2025, she has seen students in hallways or outside buildings because they lost their card. It takes a few days for the cards to be replaced, and the student also has to pay a fee. This one small convenience will make a huge difference.

Senator Jagiello thanks them all for bringing this bill forward. He loves it and supports it. He has two things he wants to address. It was mentioned that the cost will be high, and his suggestion is that the implementation of it can be done over time. He also wants to know if it would be used to get into the dining hall and if Cardinal Cash would be added to it.

Senator Crnkovich thanks him for bringing up the great points. Tim Kearne mentioned that he has the funds set aside to do a lot of this and wants to carry out a pilot program with student leaders on campus, whether it be RAs or campus life. It would start in the residence halls because

the technology is compatible. The dining hall would have to move towards a whole new system.

Senator Holcomb thanks Senator Crnkovich. Senator Michel and his roommate have lost his card numerous times and they have to let him in. He was curious about opening an amendment to add the different universities to help the advocacy process.

Senator Schlee thanks him for that point and can see why he might want to do that. Their research **associate** Maria Letizia did extensive research that will do more justice than a whereas clause. If added, the whereas clause might be messy. All of the research is being presented to the executive and will be heard.

Senator Besendorfer likes to see what other universities are doing compared to us. When schools are listed in the resolution, it is better used for catholic values or schools in the DMV area. It is still important to acknowledge the past success of this program.

Senator Farrell thanks Vice President Wallace. He has a few questions for Senator Crnkovich. He owns a personal device that has a virtual wallet that is NFC or barcodes. Which would this be? And how might this affect those who might not have smartphones? Most people have smartphones, but some might have a flip phone or no phone at all.

Senator Crnkovich had a flip phone throughout high school. It would be NFC, which stands for near field communication. It is used in Apple Wallet and Android Pay. If a phone dies and is on express mode, you can still use the card up to six hours after. Regarding the no smartphone issue, it would be an opt out system. If you don't have a smartphone or want a card, you would be able to get one.

Motion to vote by Senator Farrell and seconded by Senator Sharpe

Motion passes

Vote on Resolution 006 → vote passes with 25 yay's

C. Senator Schlee, School of Arts and Sciences (Resolution 007)

9:01PM

Senator Schlee thanks Vice President Wallace. Today she is bringing forth a resolution she is extremely passionate about. She loves a good study space. She wants to point out why we all come to college, which is for an education. We come to study and research and improve our writing. Our academic performance is almost always directly related to how we study. When we don't have the resources to be good students and study during the prime time to study, it is very disappointing. People spend lots of money to go here and the hours of the library should fit the students needs. The library is actively working on longer week hours but not weekend hours. The fact that the library opens at 1 PM on Sunday is crazy. There are few quiet spaces to study. Leahey only has two study bubbles, which leaves places like the business school, Murphy's, and the Pryz. She wakes up at 9 AM every day. The university isn't specifically setting their students up for success. The weekend is the prime time to study, especially with finals and comprehensive exams coming up soon. It is crucial that everyone votes in favor.

Senator Martin thanks Senator Schlee for bringing this resolution to floor. With midterms the

past couple of weeks she had to go to a coffee shop in DC and it was hard to focus there. She wants Mullen open early so that she can actually focus and not be worried about so many people. She urges everyone to vote in favor of this resolution, as it is a great help.

Senator Daruschak agrees that this is a great bill. He wants to know how much it will cost for facilities and employees to stay the longer hours.

Senator Schlee was ready for this question and thanked him for asking it. She responds that the cost would be minimal. They have the staff available and the people working there currently are not at their threshold of hours. There would need to be two people at the welcome desk, and they get paid no more than \$10 per hour. Approximately \$100 per week would be added. This is very small when it comes to the fact that there will be a substantial increase of students who will be at the library, as there is huge student interest in this. Additionally, this allows student employees to have more working hours, which is always a good thing.

Senator Farell wants to know if she spoke to anyone from the library. On top of that, would the circulation desk be staffed? For him the circulation desk is an important part of the library.

Senator Schlee answers that it is necessary to have people at the welcome desk, but not the circulation desk for the library to open. It is up to the people at the circulation desk and being able to go to the library earlier but not check out books is a great compromise. These extra hours will not be full service, but a way to get more study time and space.

Senator Faehy is thankful that this is being brought to the floor. Nothing is more ionic than being in college and getting kicked out of the library. She wants to know the hours would be extended in comparison to the resolution and how the discussion is going.

Senator Schlee acknowledges that the library is coming off of odd hours due to COVID-19. She wants to focus specifically on extending the hours on Saturday and Sunday which is a reasonable small increase. Weekends are a big concern to students and they want to see an increase in hours. While it would be great if the library was open 24/7, this is a small step in the right direction.

Senator Besendorfer talks about the expense of adding more study bubbles to places on campus and how this is much more cost effective.

Senator Jagiello loves this bill and has a quick question. He wants to know if the Stacks will stay open since they usually close before the rest of the library.

Senator Schlee is not requesting that the Stacks stay open as more staff is needed when the Stacks are open. This is the same thought process as the circulation desk, if those places are open more staff is needed. It is important to get more hours of quiet study time.

Senator Birth is in full support of the resolution but wants a point of clarification. She wants to know if a DPS officer will have to be in the library .

Senator Schlee responds that DPS gets involved later at night or if there is a safety concern. They would not be needed for earlier in the day.

Senator Kwaitek makes a comment to Senator Farrell about the library having a self checkout

area for checking out books, which would be used instead of the circulation desk.

Motion to vote by Senator Herman and seconded by Senator Sharpe

Motion passes

Vote on Resolution 007 → vote passes with 25 yay's

D. Senator Besendorfer, Class of 2024 (Resolution 008)

9:18 PM

Senator Besendorfer starts by thanking Vice President Wallace. Her resolution deals with the start time of visitation. Many people do not know that there is a start time to visitation, and this was an issue for her during freshman year. This might be trivial, but people ignore this policy, and she does not want a situation to come up where someone might be written up because they had a guest over before 10 AM. Residence Hall Office opens at 9 AM and excessive noise concerns start as early as 7 AM, such as construction. It would be reasonable to believe that this change would be fine.

Senator Pelekasis voices her support and thinks this is a fabulous idea. She questions why the time is 9 AM and not earlier?

Senator Besendorfer is not opposed to earlier. She was pleasantly surprised with the lack of push back, and figured it would be a bigger issue. She wants it to be earlier because she starts her days at 7 AM, but most people start their day at 9 AM. Her concern was that if she asked for too much nothing would've happened. There was no bigger reason to 9 AM, she just thought it was the earliest time that would get approved.

Senator Schlee adds that Senator Besendorfer has been alluding to other policies of Residence Halls Office and being consistent with them because it would be a better sell to administration. If they asked for too much then they might not be taken seriously and they would think it was silly. They wanted to make sure they were bringing the best resolution to the administration and the executive.

Senator Sharpe thanks Vice President Wallace and Senator Besendorfer. He was an RA for two years. It is important for residence halls administrators that it opens at 9 AM. Does not see why it is important as it would help Residence Halls Office and guests coming at 9am. It makes it practical and useful. The visitation policy is rarely enforced and he has never seen an incident report on people coming beforehand.

Senator Besendorfer thanks Senator Sharpe for the insight.

Senator Michels asks if Senator Besendorfer talked to anyone in residence and their thoughts on this issue.

Senator Besendorfer said she spoke to Amy and had a great conversation. Amy was very receptive to the idea. Overall there are not many incidents, it does happen. She is very supportive and does not see any big issues with this.

Motion to vote by Senator Crnkovich and seconded by Senator Moore

Motion passes

Vote on Resolution 008 → vote passes with 25 yay's

E. Senator Sharpe, Class of 2022 (Resolution 009)

9:27PM

Senator Sharpe begins by addressing that the students who were coming from the Ted Cruz event and want to attend are locked out. He says he has bad news and wants to amend the resolution to remove a comma in the 5th whereas clause after the word approximately.

Motion to amend by Senator Sharpe and seconded by Senator Farrell

Motion passes

Motion to vote by Senator Farrell and seconded by Senator Herman

The amendment passes

Senator Sharpe continues by saying that it is a long standing tradition to focus on campus problems such as library hours and the mailroom. This piece of legislation is consistent with that. It is not a political piece of legislation. It deals with politics in the distance and it calls to action our university's endowment. The United States and other countries are watching a genocide in our world today against the Uyghurs solely based on their ethnicity in China. US companies have profited off labor camps by doing business with China. The university should investigate their endowment and make sure it is not contributing to genocide of the Uyghurs. The endowment is a collection of assets by the college in perpetuity. In layman's terms, this money isn't touched or spent, but invested and gets profits of stocks and bonds and interests. The school has 300 million dollars, and some Ivies have upwards of seven billion dollars. The money will last forever so the college will last forever. The university should investigate their involvement and chase out their money for the genocide against the Uyghurs. This could possibly pressure companies to discontinue their relations from the genocide. We should not be assisting the Chinese in forced labor camps. There is a similar process of getting money if you are a donor. For example, if you are vocally pro-choice. This is not political but a question on moral discussions and our catholic values.

Senator Scott thinks that it is plainly obvious that our university's money should not be going to support genocide. It is absurd that there's even the slightest possibility that we could be involved with the genocide against the Uyghurs. It is our responsibility to ensure that the school does not support genocide. If we don't, then we are responsible for the negligence of our duty. None of us should be supporting genocide, as it is bad.

Senator Sharpe says that because the university is private, they are under no obligation to release what companies the endowment is invested into. There is no reason to believe that they willingly contribute to the Uyghurs genocide but companies that they are invested in could unknowingly be contributing to it. This is not coming off as customary but to meet the standard.

Senator Birth gave her support when she was approached. We cannot underestimate the pull the

university has as a leading catholic school and can send a message to others to do the same.

Senator Martin thanks the senators for bringing this resolution to the floor. This goes to show the impact that SGA can make. It is important to uphold our catholic values and urge everyone to vote in favor.

Senator Crnkovich has a few questions. When talking about morals there is a degree of separation between the university and the compiesn. COVID-19 showed how multiculatal the economy is. For example, an iPhone is designed in California, the raw materials come from all over the world, and then put together in China. How would the university determine aht is an appropriate move for companies who are complicit. And why hould we focus solely on the Uyghurs genocide when there are muliple explatioatin of human rights all over the world.

Senator Sharpe zeroed in on the university endowment as it is a geopolitical issue. China released a research report about a year ago that gave some sample companies. In the findings there were companies such as Adais, Coca Cola, H&M, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Heinz, and more. They all had close proximity to Chinese labor camps. The executive is provided with a lot of research in the footnotes. This is just the beginning. We want to start a conversation to look into the endowment. This can prompt further actions asking if compose' values are in line with ours. The US Department of the State declared this a violation of human rights. This is not a question of politics or opinions this is a genocide. He asked Senator Crnkovich to clarify his other question.

Senator Crnkovich wants to know how we determine closeness.

Senator Sharpe emphasizes on starting a conversation. There are more violations of human rights in the People's Republic of China, but this is the most imminent and urgent one. We can start a conversion, then look at the others.

Senator Farell questions what percentage of the university's endowment is in these companies.

Senator Sharpe responds saying we have no idea. The university is private therefore they do not have to disclose what companies they are invested in. There are a lot of mainstream companies such as Coca Cola, Heinz, Kraft, Tommy Hilfiger, and more, so it is safe to assume that we could be invested into some of those.

Senator Schlee impasse that we can invest in other companies who do not hurt human beings. There will be no financial blow to the university or the endowment. It is a reasoned action for us to be taking at this time. In addition, it says a lot that three senators with three very different beliefs on the political spectrum are in support of something this strongly. This is not about policy, this is about catholic values.

Senator Cunningham is proud of the senators. This is a geopolitical issue, not a partisan issue. It is very possible that the university is investing without knowing. He hopes that the senate moves to vote on this and we can look at other issues in the future.

Senator Sharpe says that other schools in the DC area will see what we are doing and take action as well.

Senator Crnkovich thinks it is a wonderful resolution to bring forward. A final thought. If we are going to uninvest, will it be on a local level too? For example, not having the Coca Cola fountain drinks or Adidas in the bookstore or Heinz ketchup in the dining hall.

Senator Sharpe says that this legislation only starts the conversion. The first step is seeing where the endowment is invested in then taking a hard look at grassroots and the local level. The conversion will evolve over time and it takes a certain amount of time to get there. He is not open to amending the resolution, as he feels it is very strong.

Senator Moore thanks the senators for bringing this forth. As a catholic, it is very important to show administration that students are stepping up and are behind this. His former university did not address issues until students arting speaking up about them. We are a catholic institution and need to make sure to follow the church's teaching and show that the student body is 100% behind this.

Senator Shape agrees and says never underestimate the power of an organized student movement around an issue.

Senator Pelekasis voices her support and says she will be voting for the resolution.

Motion to vote by Senator Marin and seconded by Senator Michel

Motion passes

Vote on Resolution 009 → vote passes with 25 yay's

6. Vice President, SGA Updates

9:54 PM

Motion to extend meeting by Senator Farrell and seconded by Senator Sharpe

Motion passes

Vote on extending the meeting → passes

Vice President Wallace starts off with reminding the senators to get to the meeting on time. Walking in late during public comment is disrespectful. If you are not going to make it on time please let her know. The expectation is to be here early, as we always start at 8:15. She congratulates the senate on their robust debate and busy meeting. There were lots of good points and comments made. She congratulates Senator Crnkovich on his first resolution being passed. Pivoting off of that, experienced senators have been bringing forth a lot of resolutions, but she wants first year senators to write resolutions and experienced senators to co-sponsor them. If you need her assistance, her office hours are at 11 AM on Tuesdays. All office hours start this week and the information is available on social media. The further you wait the less likely your resolution will be advocated for. There are a lot of amazing, important ideas that need meetings. If your resolution was passed make sure to stay after so Secretary Aheran can film the Cardinal Chirp video. When speaking with adminstaros, please use their full names and titles if possible. Some people might not know who you are talking about and it shows respect. That is the expectation. The resolutions have a lot of the same co-sponsors on them. Everyone should have a

chance to co-sponsor a resolution. Meet Your SGA Day is on October 26 from 6-8 PM. There will be a signup sheet and more information to come in an email. Catholic UN is hosting an event October 30 and it is highly encouraged everyone attends. CUA Cultural Leadership Day is coming up too. Antwann Harper will be hosting it and it is highly recommended to go. There will be different leaders and events. Another element is our lovely secretaries re formatting the resolutions so when you share the resolutions, it would be very helpful to add them onto it. The treasury board requirements are that you go to one presentation, a fifteen minute slot, once a month. It is important to know how the treasury board operates. Each branch should know how the other works and see how they operate. The executive wants to be transparent on what is going on. Cardinals for Life is putting forth an appeal because they only got a certain portion of the funding they wanted. When student groups present to the treasury board, they get their funding twenty four hours later. They have to reject the funding within twenty four hours then have three to five business days to submit an appeal. The executive board has a week to meet and vote on if the appeal gets to senate or not. If the appeal passed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority, then it will be sent to the senate. It is important to read the bylaws, and this is a good example of why. If it does pass the executive then a special committee formed by Senator Sharpe and composed of a senator from each class will be chosen and they will deliberate and take into account the condition for the funding. The committee will deliberate and present their findings at the November 1 meeting. The senators would vote on if it gets passed or not, not on changing the recommendation. That is how the appeals process works. It is important to read the bylaws as we dont want to get caught up in procedural questions during the meeting. SGA Express will be sending out an email and they will be tabling. Senators should sign up and help out. This is new and exciting and reflects the students' opinions. This helps students get back home for break. The executives have been doing a lot of work on CACS and it was on their policy agenda. If anyone is interested, please talk to them.

7. Open Floor

10:07 PM

Senator Farrell starts by mentioning the meeting started five minutes early. All of the senators did arrive by the 8:15 start time. He wants to know if office hour absences will be counted towards the absences allowed in the bylaws. He is working on a resolution for comprehensive exams with the school senators.

Senator Jagiello is working on two resolutions. The first is replacing the ice cream machine in the Oryx and the second is having the Pod open longer. If you are interested in these please let him know.

Senator Besendor emphasizes that senators, especially first years, should be looking over the senate bylaws. Lots of first years participate in debate and she wants to remind everyone of the difference between a bill and a resolution. It is important to use proper terminology.

Senator Birth is working on two pieces of legislation which will only be made better by the maximum input. The first is improving wifi on campus and the second is working on a great implantation of the blue lights system. The Bacialca lawn and the path from CV to Leahey is lacking. Please email her if you are interested.

Senator Sharpe emphasizes what Vice President Wallace said about reading the bylaws. Treasury board decisions are not final, and why this does not happen often, it does happen.

Senator Schlee thanks Vice President Wallace and congratulates the first year senators for taking action. It is never too late to darts and she is here to help anyone who needs it. Senator Farrell will be at Monday's Academic Affairs meeting at 8:30 to talk about comprehensive exams. She loves the treasury board and suggests that everyone reads the treasury oadd bylaws to better understand how they work. They are very dedicated and stay after 1 AM at times. If anyone is nervous about going to a meeting, she is presenting next week for Mock Trial.

Senator Fahey is working on a resolution pertaining to DSS accommodations. She is aware of two students who struggle to find testing time and have to take it days or weeks in advance. She has a meeting with DSS to talk about this. She understands that this is a private matter but if any one has any concerns let her know.

Senator Martin is planning on working on extending the Pryz hours and to reach out to her if you are interested.

8. Adjournment

10:15 PM

Motion to adjourn by Senator Hermna and seconded by Senator Birth

Motion passes

Vote on meeting adjournment → Passes

Meeting adjourned