

Resolution 002

A Resolution to Improve the Safety and Efficiency of Walking Routes Near the Construction of the Conway School of Nursing Building

Sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Martin

Whereas,

The construction of the Conway School of Nursing building commenced last spring and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2024.

Whereas,

In order to complete construction of the building, significant portions of the university campus have become blocked off by fencing which prevents students from traveling through these areas.

Whereas,

Due to the large portion that is blocked off for the construction, many students have to take up to a ten minute detour path to get from one class to another, from their residence to a class, or from their residence to the Brookland-CUA Washington Metro stop.

Whereas,

The construction area has grown to also block off the sidewalk on Michigan Ave NE leading from Maloney Hall to Father O'Connell Hall, which is a busy road, forcing students either walk on the edge of the road or take an even longer detour. The blocked off sidewalk is shown with a blue line in Exhibit 1.

Whereas,

This is especially inconvenient and impactful to those who have disabilities or physical impairments which are present amongst students, professors, and faculty.

Whereas,

The Admissions Office and Cardinal Ambassadors had to completely redesign the University's official tour route to adjust to the blockage caused by the construction, consequently being forced to present our university in an inorganic route around campus.

Whereas,

Due to the nature of privacy and security of architecture students' personal studio spaces in the Edward C. Crough Center for Architectural Studies, this building is only open to architecture students, where some students might have used this as a natural cut through to the other side of campus.

Whereas,

There is a natural path that could be created on the side of the construction in front of the Edward C. Crough Center for Architectural Studies building that could allow students to more easily travel to their destinations without a ten-minute detour.

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:

1. The University creates a cut through path alongside the fencing shown where the red line is drawn on Exhibit 1 for students to travel across, connecting both sides of campus without forcing students to take a detour around the Edward C. Crough Center for Architectural Studies building..
2. The University ensures throughout the construction there is always a usable sidewalk on Michigan Ave NE leading from Maloney Hall to Father O'Connell Hall, shown with blue line drawn on Exhibit 1.

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

Anthony Crnkovich
President of the Student Government Association

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Vice President of the Student Government Association

Exhibit 1:

