

## Resolution 006

### A Resolution to Ensure the Cleanliness of Ventilation Systems in On-Campus Dormitories

Sponsored by: Senator Kish

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Bert, Senator Curioso

**Whereas,**

There have been numerous reports of *Stachybotrys Chartarum*, commonly known as “Black Mold” present in Flather Hall, Ryan Hall, and Regan Hall.

**Whereas,**

The dormitories on campus are a crucial element of University life, both housing students and serving as common gathering places.

**Whereas,**

The symptoms of “Black Mold Poisoning” are serious, affecting particularly the immunocompromised and those suffering from preexisting infections, colds, viruses, and other debilitating medical conditions.

**Whereas,**

We are entering the winter season where students typically seem to see an increase in illness and flu-like symptoms making them even more susceptible to be affected by mold.

**Whereas,**

Moisture in the dorms is a significant cause of the development of Black Mold.

**Whereas,**

Air Dehumidifiers are typically and changing out air conditioning filters is a typical remedy for excessive moisture.

**Whereas,**

Due to the amount of mold being noticed, students report a slow and laborious process when having their rooms inspected, prolonging those suffering from other illnesses and side effects from continual mold exposure.

**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. Timely and professional inspections are conducted in all dormitory buildings on campus where *Stachybotrys Chartarum*, “Black Mold”, is reported.
  - a. If “Black Mold” is discovered, it must be removed and the room cleaned in a timely manner.

2. Upon report, the Air Conditioning Systems in the Flather, Ryan, and Regan dorms are inspected.
  - a. If found to be inadequate, they are to be repaired or replaced in a timely manner.
3. Air Dehumidifiers are put in areas where there is significant humidity present.
4. Information about how to fill out a proper work order is reinforced by Resident Assistant (RA) and to students and posted in common areas of residence halls.
  - a. Stickers and/or Magnets printed with a QR code that leads to the work order request form are created and distributed to students.
  - b. Posters with Work Order Form information and guides to filling out a work order are created and posted visibly in all on campus residence halls.
  - c. An email is sent to all University members living on campus by their RA with information on how to fill out a work order request, and the next steps that the University Facilities Department takes once these requests are received.

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

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