

**Resolution 008**  
**A Resolution to Ensure the Safety and Maintenance of Campus Elevators**  
**Sponsored by: Senator Curioso**  
**Co-sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer, Senator Drauschak, Senator Henriquez,**  
**Senator Musick, Senator Suarez**

***Whereas,***

The Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center (Pryz) has consistently high levels of foot traffic daily, being the hub of campus.

***Whereas,***

For all students living on campus, a meal plan in some capacity is mandatory. For all first and second year students, an unlimited meal plan is required (21 or 21 plus).

***Whereas,***

Currently the only locations for on-campus food options are the Eatery, the Food Court, Starbucks, and Murphy's Grill, all of which are located in the Pryz.

***Whereas,***

Many offices such as Housing Services, Dean of Students (DOS) and Disability Support Services (DSS), the Student Government Association (SGA) / Graduate Student Association (GSA) office, Center of Culture Engagement (CCE), the Tower, and the office of campus activities (OCA) are located in the Pryz.

***Whereas,***

There are two elevators located in the Pryz, connecting students to the three floors of the Pryz and Murphy's student restaurant.

***Whereas,***

Both Pryz elevators have already broken multiple times since the start of the new school year, consequently not allowing all students access to food options and vital resources.

***Whereas,***

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) ensures that persons with disabilities are protected from discrimination on the basis of ability and are guaranteed access to the same basic resources (food, housing, etc.) as those without disabilities.

***Whereas,***

The residence halls on campus that have elevators are Opus Hall, Caldwell Hall, Seton Hall, Flather Hall, Millennium North, and Millennium South.

***Whereas,***

Multiple of these elevators located in residence halls have broken this school year.

***Whereas,***

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards require an inspection form to be visibly displayed in each elevator within a building<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1917/1917.116>

**Whereas,**

Currently, the only elevators on campus in compliance with this are the ones in Ward, McGivney and Maloney Halls and the one that goes into the faculty parking garage.

**Whereas,**

The University Facilities Department keeps a record of elevator inspections on file within their office, and these inspections happen at regular intervals (every 6 months to 2 years). Most campus elevators are due to be inspected again in November 2022.

**Whereas,**

Reports of elevator outages can be made by filling out a work order form, by calling the Facilities Service Center at 202-319-5121, or by calling DPS if someone is stuck in an elevator after normal Facilities Department business hours.

**Whereas,**

The procedure for reporting elevator outages is listed on the CUA Facilities Department website, however not many students are educated on where to find this information.

**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. Inspection sheets be framed and displayed in a visible place within each elevator.
  - a. Inspection sheets should be placed in a clear, hard plastic image holder, secured to the elevator.
2. Information sheets be created, framed and posted next to and inside each elevator with a QR code linked to the work order form and the phone numbers that one is supposed to call when an elevator breaks down.
  - a. Information sheets should be placed in a clear, hard plastic image holder, secured to the elevator.
3. Copies of inspection and information sheets be kept in the Residence Hall Offices and at the Pryzbyla Center information desk.
4. Information on how to report elevator outages be included in the DSS Smart Start pre-orientation program and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Safety First, Safety Always presentation which takes place during Orientation.

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

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