

Resolution 009

A Resolution to Ensure the Campus Community is Adequately Informed on Sexual Offense Procedures

Sponsored by: Senator Michels

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Bommer, Senator Musick, Senator Suarez

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America seeks to provide support to students who have experienced sexual offenses through the Title IX Grievance Procedures¹ and the Grievance Procedures for Non-Title IX Sexual Offenses².

Whereas,

Title IX standards are set by the federal government and not the university; thus, sexual offenses that objectively fit the parameters of Title IX are handled through the Title IX Grievance Procedures, and sexual offenses that do not meet Title IX's parameters are handled through the university's own Grievance Procedures for Non-Title IX Sexual Offenses.

Whereas,

Most students are unaware of the confines of Title IX and that the university has policies and procedures which can support students in instances of non-Title IX sexual offenses.

Whereas,

Students who have sought support from the university have been directed to file complaints via the Title IX Grievance Procedures, despite the experienced offense not being covered by Title IX. This misguidance is misleading to students, and time consuming not only for them, but also the Title IX Coordinator, who must analyze the facts, only to ultimately dismiss the case as a Title IX matter.

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. Administrators who are classified as resources that can be utilized for students seeking support in instances of sexual offenses, as well as all students at the university, be adequately educated on the policies and procedures of the university in regard to sexual offenses.
2. Administrators who are classified as resources that can be utilized for students seeking support in instances of sexual offenses provide appropriate and specific advice and guidance to students seeking resolution of their case by methods including, but not limited to, filing a complaint.

¹ <https://policies.catholic.edu/students/title-ix-grievance-procedures.html>

² https://deanofstudents.catholic.edu/_media/docs/grievance-procedures-non-title-ix.pdf

3. The Title IX Coordinator, alongside the Dean of Students and PEERS team, provides a more comprehensive and public announcement regarding the proper procedures students may take in response to a sexual offense.

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

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