Resolution 015
A Resolution to Ensure Easy Access to the Internet for All
Sponsored by: Senator Kish
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Bert, Senator Bubel, Senator Djilioni, Senator Martin, Senator Suarez

Whereas,

In our current society, reliable internet access is a requirement to complete schoolwork and contact loved ones.

Whereas,

The availability of high-speed internet connection via WiFi or cellular data in campus dormitories, study areas, gathering spaces, and even classrooms is often extremely limited or nonexistent.

Whereas,

It has often occurred that students have reported being unable to contact friends, family, teachers, and fellow students while in their dormitories and out on campus.

Whereas,

Alongside the requirement of internet access to study, complete work, and correspond with teachers, the lack of internet access can isolate students, especially during a non-emergency crisis such as being bedridden or self-isolated.

Whereas,

A reliable cellular data connection is necessary for contacting others when outside on campus. The lack of a reliable connection prevents communication between RAs, Housing Services (HSA) employees, and students' friends and family.

Whereas,

Bandwidth, or the capacity for multiple platforms to have wireless internet access, is shown to be limited in a number of locations on campus through the conduction of internet speed tests.

Whereas,

Range, or the physical distance between the wireless access point and the device(s) being used, has been shown to be limited in a number of locations. This is seen especially in the Opus Hall, Ryan Hall, Regan Hall, Flather Hall, and Centennial Village dormitories.

Whereas,

As the University continues to grow in enrollment and class sizes, it requires the expansion of its network infrastructure, such as increasing both bandwidth and range.

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. An online system for reporting slow and offline wifi is created and implemented on the Technical Support Website.
    a. QR codes that connect to the report system are placed in all campus dormitories.
    b. If slow wifi is confirmed, the wifi access point is fixed or replaced.
2. The bandwidth of the server-to-cloud network is increased from 2 gigabits-per-second to 4 gigabits-per-second.
3. A cellular tower is constructed on the roof of Opus Hall.
    a. Which will provide service from major cellular service providers, including but not limited to AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile.
4. Wifi access points are placed in high-traffic spaces, including but not limited to:
    a. The Pryz Patio
    b. The Garvey Hall Patio and Lawn
    c. In dormitory spaces where a reliable connection is reported to be poor or nonexistent.

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

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