

Resolution 023

A Resolution to Encourage Community Accountability in Public Safety (RECAPS)

Sponsored by: Senator Kruger

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Curioso, Senator Drauschak, Senator Musick

Whereas,

DPS has broad powers regarding investigative functions, along with general responsibility for keeping campus safe, all of which brings them into contact with students, staff, faculty and community members.

Whereas,

These interactions may leave individuals with positive feedback, suggestions, questions or concerns about the interaction which they would like to share with DPS.

Whereas,

Departments in the university such as Residence Life¹ and Dining Services² provide sections of their websites where students can easily report feedback and get connected with resources that can assist them, a resource which would be easily reproducible.

Whereas,

Providing an avenue for individuals to speak with DPS about their operations is essential to ensure that DPS is responsive to community needs.

Whereas,

A feedback portal of the DPS website would also serve to improve trust in DPS by the university community by giving people the ability to have concerns addressed and resolved.

Whereas,

Other universities, such as Georgetown University³, American University⁴, George Washington University⁵, and University of Maryland⁶ have platforms for students to provide feedback to campus safety departments.

Whereas,

The University of Maryland⁷ also provides a form to submit praise for an officer, a feature which would give DPS information on areas where they are successful.

¹ <https://residencelife.catholic.edu/resources/student-concerns.html>

² <https://dineoncampus.com/catholic/feedback>

³ <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGVu0DWTUIhuTf6mQI9odq2gl6maCUuATANVeE3gtEDmYmdA/viewform>

⁴ <https://www.american.edu/police/feedback.cfm>

⁵ <https://safety.gwu.edu/compliments-complaints>

⁶ <https://www.umpd.umd.edu/contact/complaint.cfm>

⁷ <https://www.umpd.umd.edu/contact/index.cfm?form=praise>

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. The Department of Public Safety works to establish a feedback section of the DPS website to encourage contacts between DPS and the campus community.
 - a. The feedback platform should provide students the ability to remain anonymous.
 - b. The platform should feature the ability to provide praise, positive feedback, general suggestions, tips and complaints.

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

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