

Resolution 037
A Resolution to Expand and Locate Information for Commuter Students
(RELICS)
Sponsored by: Senator Kruger

Whereas,

Commuter students make up a significant portion of our student population, but lack a centralized location to receive and share information that will assist them in their studies.

Whereas,

Commuter students do have a separate session during orientation where they are introduced to parts of university life unique to them, but retaining that information is hard for many students.

Whereas,

The University of Maryland,¹ Gallaudet University,² Georgetown University,³ Loyola University Maryland,⁴ and Marymount University⁵ provide tips, staff contact information, and other essential resources for commuter students through dedicated web pages for commuter services.

Whereas,

Other underserved populations on campus, such as those of non-Catholic faith traditions,⁶ first generation students,⁷ immigrants,⁸ minority students,⁹ disabled students,¹⁰ international students¹¹ and military/veteran students¹² have their own webpages which provide a variety of resources to them.

Whereas,

It is important to provide these services to our commuter students through a centralized location, as it is unfair and inefficient to expect commuters to navigate university services by themselves.

Whereas,

¹ https://stamp.umd.edu/engagement/transfer_and_offcampus_student_life/new_transfer_campus_students/commuting

² <https://gallaudet.edu/student-engagement-leadership/commuter-programs/>

³ <https://summer.georgetown.edu/resources-students/commuter-students>

⁴ <https://www.loyola.edu/department/student-engagement/get-involved/commuter-student>

⁵ <https://marymount.edu/student-life/commuter-students/>

⁶ <https://ministry.catholic.edu/worship/other%20faith%20traditions/index.html>

⁷ <https://counseling.catholic.edu/resources/first-generation/index.html>

⁸ <https://ministry.catholic.edu/about-us/info-for-immigrants/index.html>

⁹ <https://cultural.catholic.edu/index.html>

¹⁰ <https://dss.catholic.edu/>

¹¹ <https://www.catholic.edu/admission/international-students/index.html>

¹² <https://military.catholic.edu/index.html>

Current commuter students have developed lists of informal “tips” which have helped them during their studies, and it would be beneficial to pass that knowledge along to incoming and current commuter students.

Whereas,

The extension of these resources to commuter students would demonstrate the University's commitment to serving this population of students, who often feel left out of the University community.

Whereas,

Centralized locations for commuter student resources would assist in the recruitment of potential commuter students in the D.C. area, benefitting University goals related to increasing enrollment numbers and diversity among the student population.

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 Office of the Dean of Students works to create a “Commuter Student Resources” webpage which provides commuter students with information that will assist them throughout their time on campus.
2. In the creation of this website, commuter students should be engaged and encouraged to provide feedback on what resources they believe would be valuable to include.
 - a. Specifically, the SGA Commuter Initiative’s list of content ideas¹³ for said webpage is referenced in the creation of the website.

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

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¹³ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n6yKBqvzyx77iPBPIFiyki-KbV5jbVfhMfJ2fBA5wWg/edit>