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The Catholic Student Association
The Catholic University of America
Senate Meeting - Regular
April 4, 2012 – 7:00 pm – Pryzbyla Great Room A

Members present:

Emily Alianello    Allie Dryden    Jan Herchold    Ryan Norris
Carol Anderson    Joseph Forte    Chaz Holmon    Tosin Ogunyoku
Chelsea Benetz    Peter Furlong    Lawrence King    Jaime Parker
William Buracker    Thad Garrett    Margot Lamson    Nathan Ponzio
Chloe Canton    Erikk Geannikis    Bridget Ledford    Tony Purcell
Joshua Canzona    Jennifer Grace    James Lewis    Donald Sifuentes
Nicole Clery    Vernice Grajeda    Kristen Lionetti    Hannah Small-Oieu
Ryann Craig    Elizabeth Greeley    Pablo Martinez    Carol Thelen
Kelly Cronin    Sharon Greenbaum    John Mickey    Homer L Twigg IV
Elizabeth De Mahy    David Grothoff    Sean Moberg    Jonathan Zappala
Philip De Mahy    Jennifer Gullickson    Katya Mourris    Mary Zito-Smith
LaVonne Doucette    Amber Hanson    Louise Mundstock

Others present: President John Garvey; Dean James Greene; Katie Jennings, director of OCA; Victor Nakas, associate vice president for public affairs

I. Meeting was called to order by President James Lewis at 7:04 pm.

II. Attendance collected by sign-in sheets rather than roll-call.

III. Prayer was offered by Joshua Canzona.

IV. Open Forum

President Garvey spoke about the 125th Anniversary of the University as well as the Strategic and Master Plans. He highlighted how the plans would benefit graduate students. Following his talk, he responded to questions regarding: changes to existing buildings; graduate housing and child care; the position of the GSA within the University; and what efforts are being made to promote environmental sustainability on campus in the near future.

Also, a statement composed by students from the National Catholic School of Social Service regarding the current non-discrimination clause issue was read by senator Amber Hanson. President Garvey’s response addressed the delicate issue of peripheral meaning and connotation that must be considered when using the phrase “sexual orientation.” Though he
admitted he had not been directly involved in this matter to date, he believed the concerned parties would be able to work together to find a solution.

V. Awards Presentation

a. Senator of the Year Awards were presented to Lawrence King of TRS and to Jonathan Zappala of Psychology.
b. The Sheen Award of Excellence was presented to Joshua Canzona.

VI. President James Lewis gave a brief speech on the state of the GSA.

VII. The following new officers were sworn in for the 2012-2013 year:

- Joshua Canzona - President
- Homer L. Twigg IV - Secretary
- Joseph Forte - Vice President
- LaVonne Doucette - Academic Senator
- Vernice Grajeda - Treasurer
- Peter Furlong - Academic Senator

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in Pryzbyla 327 on April 18, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary