Resolution on CUA's Student Dependent Health Coverage

Whereas, The Catholic University of America eliminated the option to purchase dependent health insurance coverage as part of a group plan available to its students over the summer and prior to the start of the 2011 – 2012 academic year; and

Whereas, CUA students were given less than two months’ notice of this drastic change to the student insurance plan by the Office of Human Resources; and

Understanding, CUA later provided an opportunity for students to extend dependent coverage from the previous academic year for six months; and

Understanding, Based on a recent survey of graduate students, 46% either strongly or somewhat disagreed with this decision; therefore,

Be it resolved, the Graduate Student Association of The Catholic University of America protests the decision to alter student health insurance availability without properly notifying and consulting the graduate student community and its student government.

Be it further resolved, the Graduate Student Association supports those students who argue that the university withdrawal of dependent health insurance coverage conflicts with Catholic values concerning social justice and the dignity of life.

Be it further resolved, the Graduate Student Association believes that reasonably priced dependent coverage is a necessary component of a just student health insurance plan.

Be it further resolved, the Graduate Student Association insists that students using the six-month extension of dependent health insurance coverage be given an additional extension until the end of August 2012.

Adopted by the Graduate Student Association Senate on October 20, 2011.