The Catholic University of America Faculty Assembly

Results of the Faculty Assembly Meeting of May 10, 2018

On May 10, the Faculty Assembly of The Catholic University of America met to discuss Provost Andrew Abela's "Proposal for Academic Renewal," and the vote of the Academic Senate to forward the amended Proposal to the Board of Trustees.

There were 101 members in attendance. Attendees came from the Schools of Architecture & Planning, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Canon Law, Law, Music, National Catholic School of Social Service, Nursing, Philosophy, and Theology and Religious Studies.

The assembly UNANIMOUSLY passed two motions:

MOTION: We endorse the report of the Ad Hoc Committee in its entirety. We also emphatically endorse the memorandum from the Faculty Handbook Committee and its definition of tenure.

MOTION: We expressly reject Appendix C of the Proposal for Academic Renewal, including its data, which are inaccurate. We also reject any proposal that does not affirm explicit protections for tenure.

Two other motions were placed in abeyance for the next meeting.

Among noteworthy elements of the reports transmitted by multiple Academic Senate members and attendees of the May 9 Senate meeting was that the Senate vote was not a vote to "approve" the amended Academic Renewal plan as announced by President Garvey, but a procedural vote to forward the amended plan to the Board of Trustees.

Multiple Senate members and attendees also confirmed that the Senate will forward the full Ad Hoc Committee report with appendices to the Board. The Faculty Assembly agreed to defer further action on the Academic Renewal Proposal until the final amended version of the plan, still to be certified as accurate by the Ad Hoc Committee, is distributed.

The Faculty Assembly set its next meeting date to May 29, 2018, from 12:00-2:00pm, at a location to be determined.