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6th General Assembly of the
University of Baltimore
Student Government Association
Academic Year: 2017 - 2018



Fall 2017 Commencement

Resolution # FA – 01 – 17

Resolution on: The Commencement speaker selection process.

Prime Sponsor(s): President Dangnokho, Vice President Smith-Brown, Chief of Staff Johnston, Treasurer Ali, and Secretary Ebert

Cosponsor(s): Senator Brover, Senator Burke, Senator Butt, Senator Clements, Senator Cooper, Senator Edwards, Senator Martinez, Senator Munoz, Senator Nabi, Senator Pumphrey, Senator Riesner, and Senator Shi

Committee: Campus Life

WHEREAS, There are students who have expressed their opposition to the University's decision to have Secretary Betsy DeVos as the Fall 2017 Commencement speaker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeVos' Commencement invitation imposes her presence on students and may overshadow the celebratory nature of the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Student input was completely disregarded in the discussion to select the Commencement speaker.

THEREFORE LET IT BE ENACTED THAT:

SECTION 1. The University of Baltimore consider rescinding Ms. DeVos' Commencement invitation and instead invite her to a town hall where students have the option to attend, can pose their questions, and have an open dialogue with her regarding her views on policies that directly impact their academic careers and personal lives.

SECTION 2. Moving forward, administration will work with the SGA to revise the process of selecting a Commencement speaker, including that the suggestions and final deciding vote be made by students.

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SGA Vice President

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SGA President

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