

HFC 2015 GUSA QUESTIONNAIRE

RESPONSES AND RESULTS

Note: The responses to these questionnaires were sent to the HFC Executive Board with all identifying information redacted. We then, collectively, assigned scores to each question and totaled them up for a final, raw score. Throughout the deliberation, the HFC Board prioritized tickets demonstrating that they had actionable plans and a clear understanding of current policies. We feel that reproductive justice should be a priority of our next GUSA Executive, and hope that the responses to this questionnaire shed light on which candidates prioritize the individual rights of students.

Abbey & Will

1. Will you renew GUSA's recent decision to extend unrecognized student groups access to some benefits (i.e. free printing, OCAF reservations, storage space) through GUSA's cost center? How will you build upon this program?

We will definitely be renewing GUSA's decision to extend access to benefits to recognized student groups. Our Tiered Access to Benefits proposal, we plan to ensure that every unrecognized student group has access to storage space, and we will advocate to ensure that funding from the Student Activities Fee is put towards the storage space in Regents as proposed by the Tezel-Jikaria administration. We will also ensure that this space constructed efficiently, and that unrecognized groups are always able to open it. We will advocate for more transparency in OCAF's prioritization system for room reservations, and for a set time limitation for rooms locations to be changed by the registrar.

Additionally, we will create the Office of the Free Speech Advocate to arbitrate real-time discrepancies with the enforcement of the Speech and Expression Policy. The office will be comprised of student experts on the policy who will be able to inform groups of their rights and communicate with GUPD in real-time to ensure proper enforcement. This office will also streamline printing capabilities for non-access to benefits. (4)

2. Do you think Georgetown Health Education Services and the Student Health Center should provide information about contraception and sexual health? If so, how will you push them to do this? In the interim, how will your administration assist HFC in its mission to provide this information to students? <https://hyasforchoice.wordpress.com/2014/11/18/sexual-health-resources/>

Yes. We believe that Georgetown Health Education Services and the Student Health Center should provide meaningful information about contraception and sexual health resources. We will advocate for Georgetown Health Education Services to publish the H*yas for Choice sexual health resources pamphlet on their website. However, this is quite frankly a difficult task to undertake and will require lengthy conversations with the administration. In order to advertise these resources as quickly as possible, we will provide and handout HFC resource pamphlets and handbills in the GUSA office. Our administration will also set up and widely publicize a webpage in consultation with HFC and to publish the sexual health resources in another venue. (5)

3. Do you think private businesses that rent space from Georgetown (i.e. The Corp and Wisey's) should be allowed to sell contraception? If so, how will you advocate for this policy change?

Because of Georgetown's long-standing policy against selling contraception on campus, we will only be able to reverse this position with a massive amount of student support.

We will fully support any movement or initiative started by a student group or on-campus private business (e.g. The Corp and Wisemiller's). If either of these institutions want to sell contraception, we will not only support them publicly, but we will also work to ensure the successful implementation of their efforts. (4)

4. Do you support tabling in front of Healy? Do you support a campus-wide tabling zone? If so, how will your administration advocate for this initiative?

Since GUPD kicked H*yas for Choice out of Healy Circle last January, and particularly since GUPD prevented H*yas for Choice from exercising their First Amendment rights on municipal property outside of Georgetown, we've supported extending tabling to every part of Georgetown. That the University is afraid of a PR snafu should be no reason to deny Hoyas fundamental rights to free speech and assembly. On this campus, tabling is a form of speech. It is the basic way in which student groups communicate their views to students and are, in essence, a form of protest art.

We will continue to work through the Speech and Expression Committee and leverage both student and alumni support to pressure the administration to affirm tabling as a form of free speech. (4)

5. Would you use GUSA Fund money to fund pro-choice events and speakers? How much do you plan on allocating to GUSA Fund? Do you have another proposal for HFC to receive SA fee funding outside of the confines of GUSA Fund?

We plan to increase the Student Activities Fee by \$44, increasing the total amount available for allocation to student groups by approximately \$330,000. We would then allow students to democratically allocate this increase to the student group of their choosing.

For un-recognized student groups and pro-choice events and speakers, students would be able to allocate their \$44 increase to GUSA Fund. These students could specifically indicate which group should receive their allocation through GUSA Fund, by requesting that it be given to the President or Chair of the organization. The President or Chair of the unrecognized group would then simply need to apply to receive these funds. (4.5)

6. Many faculty and staff feel uncomfortable partnering with H*yas for Choice because they have not yet received tenure. Do you support faculty and staff's (particularly those

without tenure) right to express their individual opinions? If so, how will you advocate for increased protections?

Absolutely. The substance of their speech should have no bearing on their professional future, particularly when their views are rational and reasonable. We will ensure that professors have our full and public support for expressing their opinions.

We will press the university to sign a memorandum of understanding stating that they will not decline a professor tenure based on the content of the faculty and staff's sexual health-related speech. (4)

Raw Score: 25.5

FINAL SCORE: A

Sara & Ryan

1. Will you renew GUSA's recent decision to extend unrecognized student groups access to some benefits (i.e. free printing, OCAF reservation, storage space) through GUSA's cost center? How will you build upon this program?

We believe everyone should have access to space on campus for their storage and an easy room reservation process, regardless of a group's status. We will continue the efforts of the current administration to allow unrecognized groups access to benefits through the GUSA Executive. Students should not have to informally borrow space or task individuals on boards to be in charge solely of room reservation. Instead the university should provide unrecognized groups with storage space and OCAF access. Additionally, we would like to build upon the progress already made by allowing for individual students to opt to pay for their printing in tuition and would enthusiastically support an initiative to allow groups access to reasonable free printing through the CSE. (2)

2. Do you support Health Education Services and the Student Health Center providing information about contraception and sexual health? If so, how will you push them to do this? In the interim, how will your administration assist HFC in its mission to provide this information to students?

Ryan and I believe students should be educated on sexual health and safety and would therefore support HES and SHC providing students information regarding not only contraception, but also information on healthy relationships. We have proposed exploring partnerships with other local universities to battle mental health issues on campus and because we, unfortunately, do not think the university will budge on its stance on contraception we would be interested in extending this partnership to provide information on contraceptives to students on the Hilltop. Though the university will likely not support information on contraceptives, we believe it is still important to strongly encourage HES and SHC to move into the 21st Century. (3)

3. Do you think private businesses that rent space from Georgetown (the Corp and Wisey's) should be allowed to sell contraception? If so, how will you advocate for this policy change?

As stated above, we support contraception and providing students with the information to ensure they live healthy lives. We would support the sales of contraception by private businesses on campus. Vendors exist in Corp locations currently and we see no reason for contraceptives to be excluded. Our administration would support this initiative and would be more than happy to help in researching feasibility, working out logistics, and fostering collaboration between students and these businesses. (4)

4. Do you support tabling in front of Healy? Do you support a campus-wide tabling zone? If so, how will your administration advocate for this initiative?

We support tabling in front of Healy and a campus-wide tabling/free speech zone. The Speech and Expression Policy should designate the sidewalks around Healy Circle as a public space where tabling is allowed. Additionally, we would like the university to recognize tabling as expression of speech and to distribute more widely the map of areas open for tabling. We would like to amend the Speech and Expression Policy to indicate places where speech can be restricted rather than designate places where it is allowed. While this is cultural shift, we believe it is an important direction for the university to move in. Ryan and I will advocate for a designated permanent protest area for events held in Gaston because the university does an inadequate job ensuring these spaces are provided. (4)

5. Would you use GUSA fund money to fund pro-choice events and speakers? How much do you plan on allocating to GUSA Fund? Do you have another proposal for HFC to receive SA funding outside of the confines of GUSA Fund?

We will continue to support unrecognized groups, including those who are pro-choice, through the GUSA Fund. We would like to up the amount allocated to GUSA Fund by \$5,000; our current draft of the FY16 budget asks for \$20,000 for the Fund at the Budget Summit. Additionally, we want to increase the amount the GUSA Fund has the ability to give out through our Student Activities Capital Campaign which aims to raise 5 million dollars in 5 years. We will also work with the GUSA Fund to streamline the funding process to allow groups to receive funding in a timely manner. We believe pro-choice events facilitate a necessary diversity of dialogue that should be the aim of any educational experience. Therefore, we will encourage the GUSA Fund to prioritize funding pro-choice events and groups because they're not fairly funded by the university.

We believe this is an innovative idea that should enter into campus dialogue. If elected, we will continue conversations with students and administrators on this proposal. As long as groups or events that go in front of the GUSA Fund are for the common good of the university, we support the funding of these requests. (4.5)

6. Many faculty and staff feel uncomfortable partnering with H*yas for Choice because they have not yet received tenure. Do you support faculty and staff's (particularly those without tenure) right to express their individual opinions? If so, how will you advocate for increased protections?

Ryan and I will work with the Main Campus Executive Faculty Committee to address this issue and work to ensure all those employed by the university have the right to freedom of speech. We will also look into an anonymous or not anonymous means for employees to bring attention to violations of their free speech. These complaints should be brought to the Speech and Expression Committee. If elected one of our first projects will be the addition of a tab on the GUSA website with all relevant information on free speech and expression policy, violations, and resources. This will publically call attention to instances when the university restricts free speech and, over time, will hopefully discourage the university from doing so. (4)

Raw Score: 20

FINAL SCORE: B+

Joe & Connor

1. Will you renew GUSA's recent decision to extend unrecognized student groups access to some benefits (i.e. free printing, OCAF reservation, storage space) through GUSA's cost center? How will you build upon this program?

We do not understand this question. H*yas for Choice is a group we recognize. They have a huge banner with their name on it and advocate publicly around the clock for increased access to contraception and education about sexual health on campus all the time. It's really easy to spot them. As a group we recognize, we would advocate for H*yas for Choice's right to access not just some benefits but all benefits that recognized groups enjoy. The Luther-Rohan ticket would like to help anyone who struggles to recognize this group identify it and its right to access the University's resources. However, please keep in mind that members of H*yas for Choice will be brought before an inquisition.

2. Do you support Health Education Services and the Student Health Center providing information about contraception and sexual health? If so, how will you push them to do this? In the interim, how will your administration assist HFC in its mission to provide this information to students?

A Luther-Rohan administration would absolutely push Georgetown Health Education Services and the Student Health Center to provide information about contraception and sexual health. In a recent "report card" released by Trojan Brand Condoms, Georgetown shamefully ranked 93rd out of 140 schools listed in terms of access to sexual health; our university's failure to modernize has rendered us the academic equivalent of mothballs, dial-up, and The Price is Right. We demand change and reproductive justice. As president and vice president, we would mobilize students into a concerted GUSA-led campaign to pressure the university to meet us halfway. In addition to providing contraception and information about sexual resources, the university should stay true to its message and provide an equal amount of information regarding the Terror of Fornication and abstinence. Ideally, GUSA would serve as a conduit for action on student majority opinion while respecting the views of the minority, and would use its wide-reaching voice to organize students into collective action. We strongly believe that a vocal and concerted campaign promoting reason and compromise would be effective in coming to an agreement with the administration. In the meantime, we believe that preserving and expanding HFC's right to protest and advocate for reproductive justice is the best way to combat the administration's failures. However, please keep in mind that members of H*yas for Choice will be brought before an inquisition.

3. Do you think private businesses that rent space from Georgetown (the Corp and Wisey's) should be allowed to sell contraception? If so, how will you advocate for this policy change?

The Luther-Rohan ticket believes that businesses that rent space from Georgetown University should be allowed to sell contraception. If elected, we will roll back 2,000 years of conservative

Catholic thought and doctrine within the first 100 days of our administration. We believe we are the GUSA executives capable of triumphing where decades of student administrations have failed. We will secure a decisive non-binding resolution from the GUSA senate to force the institutionalization of outdated morals to lay down their arms in the siege against our convenience stores. However, please keep in mind that members of H*yas for Choice will be brought before an inquisition.

4. Do you support tabling in front of Healy? Do you support a campus-wide tabling zone? If so, how will your administration advocate for this initiative?

If elected, we will work to end the Catholic Church's reactionary stance on tabling. It is 2015 and it's time to acknowledge that tabling is a perfectly normal human desire. All modern science supports the idea that a person can table anywhere on campus and lead a normal, healthy life. No longer should the University shame tablers with police force and make them change their lifestyle under the threat of force. Our Jesuit identity dictates that we should welcome all lifestyles of tabling. However, please keep in mind that members of H*yas for Choice will be brought before an inquisition.

5. Would you use GUSA fund money to fund pro-choice events and speakers? How much do you plan on allocating to GUSA Fund? Do you have another proposal for HFC to receive SA funding outside of the confines of GUSA Fund?

What is it you want? You want Gloria Steinem? Just say the word and we'll throw a lasso around her and pull 'er down. Hey, that's a pretty good idea. We'll give you Gloria Steinem. Mmmmm. Then you can have Cecile Richards, and all those pro-choice vibes will propagate, see... and the fempower would shoot out of your fingers and your toes and the ends of your hair... are we writing too much? Haha, sorry, got carried away. Yeah, we'll fund some stuff. Probably about \$20,000 toward GUSA Fund. At this time, that's the only way that GUSA is likely to fund HFC speakers and events. However, please keep in mind that members of H*yas for Choice will be brought before an inquisition.

6. Many faculty and staff feel uncomfortable partnering with H*yas for Choice because they have not yet received tenure. Do you support faculty and staff's (particularly those without tenure) right to express their individual opinions? If so, how will you advocate for increased protections?

Georgetown love Faculty. Faculty not disagree with Georgetown. Faculty not ask questions. Good Faculty. Georgetown give Tenure. Happy Faculty. Faculty not make opinions. Faculty not support Hoya For Choice. Happy Georgetown. Hoya Saxa. Georgetown not love H*ya For Choice. Hoya For Choice make thoughtcrime. H*ya For Choice is unperson. Send to joycamp, not see H*ya For Choice anymore. However, please keep in mind that members of H*yas for Choice will be brought before an inquisition.

FINAL SCORE: B+,
pending a guarantee
that HFC members will
be burned at the stake in
Healy Circle.

Tim & Reno

1. Will you renew GUSA's recent decision to extend unrecognized student groups access to some benefits (i.e. free printing, OCAF reservations, storage space) through GUSA's cost center? How will you build upon this program?

Yes, we would renew this decision. We would make the following additions:

- A) We have a plan to appoint an individual to sit on the Council of Advisor Boards who will represent unrecognized groups in order to make sure that their concerns are heard in the fund and resource allocation process.
- B) While formal recognition and access to benefits will require more work, previously discussed "tiered systems" have been tried in the past but are worth re-exploring, we are willing to set aside a certain percentage of the GUSA fund allocation explicitly/give priority to groups that do not have access to traditional funding. We will reopen the access to benefits working group to answer the longstanding question about long term funding solutions
- C) Using the GUSA cost center will also allow unrecognized groups to raise money and have it deposited in our cost center, allowing more seamless collaboration between HFC and other student groups.
- D) To facilitate this partnership, a dedicated GUSA cabinet executive member will be appointed as the sort of GUSA equivalent of a SAC commissioner for these groups. (4.5)

2. Do you think Georgetown Health Education Services and the Student Health Center should provide information about contraception and sexual health? If so, how will you push them to do this? In the interim, how will your administration assist HFC in its mission to provide this information to students?

- A) We do think that HES should offer information about these services, and they once did offer these services through the peer education program. However, navigating university politics around free speech issues of employees is admittedly difficult. I think we should work to publicize what are the free speech rights of all staff and faculty, especially the rights of counselors and medical professionals who should (and likely are) free to express data on the best medical courses of action. We will work to produce clear, easily accessible publications that spell out not just student speech rights, but also faculty rights
- B) In the interim, HFC will have access to financial resources in our administration that can be used to prepare publications about these resources, like any other unrecognized group. Through the other free speech planks of our platform, these publications would be able to be distributed more widely.
- C) As for the process of pushing to allow HES and the SHC to offer the proper resources, that will require a new working group all together, one we are prepared to start under our administration, to begin the series of meetings and negotiations that will be necessary. This will focus on Reproductive Health Resources. (5)

3. Do you think private businesses that rent space from Georgetown (i.e. The Corp and Wisey's) should be allowed to sell contraception? If so, how will you advocate for this policy change?

We think it should be up to each individual vendor should be able to make that decision for themselves. We also think that the opinion of the student body should be taken in to account. The last time public opinion was taken on the matter was several years ago, the the student body supported this action by a large margin, *This issue would be a part of the Reproductive Rights working group, and help explore legal and activism options to help make this change. Those on the working group may decide the best course of action is a public campaign, more direct meetings and negotiations, or larger scale items such as a referendum.. (4.5)

4. Do you support tabling in front of Healy? Do you support a campus-wide tabling zone? If so, how will your administration advocate for this initiative?

We support a campus-wide tabling zone, including in front of Healy, as we believe this is essential not only for a vibrant dialogue but also to correct the symbolic imbalance of forcing dissenting speech to special "out of the way" zones. We would ease the We would partner with GUPD to create education sessions about current Free Speech advancements to prevent future misunderstandings, as well as push for an official university document and pamphlet that can be carried around and simply express these rights. As for a campus-wide zone however, we would have to work with administrators to identify protected areas, exceptions made for religious regions, and help with a public free speech campaign, including wider spread petitions to expand where free speech should go. (4)

5. Would you use GUSA Fund money to fund pro-choice events and speakers? How much do you plan on allocating to GUSA Fund? Do you have another proposal for HFC to receive SA fee funding outside of the confines of GUSA Fund?

As indicated in our answer to question 1, we intend to give groups like HFC special priority for GUSA fund money, the chance to use our cost center to raise money, and a CAB representative with other unrecognized groups. This all sets the groundwork for HFC to eventually seek more formal relations by further integrating them in to the recognized group system. The question on SA funding will always rely on the eventuality of creating "tiered" benefits, or expanding the GUSA allocation with the stipulation that these funds would have to be used for unrecognized groups. (3)

6. Many faculty and staff feel uncomfortable partnering with H*yas for Choice because they have not yet received tenure. Do you support faculty and staff's (particularly those without tenure) right to express their individual opinions? If so, how will you advocate for increased protections?

It is integral to Georgetown University that faculty, tenured or not, is able to express their views. While we absolutely support the right of faculty and staff to share their opinions the matter of protection becomes more complicated. To those faculty members who do feel threatened we hope to make ourselves an outlet as well as lobbyists to the university on their behalf. (3)

Raw Score: 24

FINAL SCORE: A-

Chris and Meredith

1. Will you renew GUSA's recent decision to extend unrecognized student groups access to some benefits (i.e. free printing, OCAF reservations, storage space) through GUSA's cost center? How will you build upon this program?

Yes we do. Our campaign manager, Randy Puno, is the GUSA Fund Chair and has assured us that the access to benefits offered by the GUSA Fund to student groups who seek cosponsorship in terms of both funding and space is continuable and expandable. We plan to streamline the GUSA Fund application process to better communicate to non-A2B groups what services they are eligible for through cosponsorship. In addition, we want to extend the services of cosponsorship by working towards developing a campus-wide email for events that GUSA cosponsors with and, in general, are student driven. Lastly, we will work to establish a dedicated point person within GUSA Fund whose responsibility will be to facilitate the reimbursement process for frequent cosponsors in a more streamlined manner. (2)

2. Do you think Georgetown Health Education Services and the Student Health Center should provide information about contraception and sexual health? If so, how will you push them to do this? In the interim, how will your administration assist HFC in its mission to provide this information to students?

As a jesuit institution exuding the care of the whole person and a leader in the health field with MedStar Hospital, information regarding sexual health is a must. While it may not directly align with the mission of the university, sexual health is a relevant and vital aspect of student life and the overall health and knowledge of the student body. We will do our best to facilitate discussion on the progress of offering such education as it will better the georgetown community as a whole. We pride ourselves on our good relations with the administration and accountability with our peers. We will readily advocate for this education as it pertains to so many students and make sure to refer these institutions to HFC if they need more information or resources. (1)

3. Do you think private businesses that rent space from Georgetown (i.e. The Corp and Wisey's) should be allowed to sell contraception? If so, how will you advocate for this policy change?

While we understand that both Georgetown Health Education Services and Student Health Center must align with Georgetown's Catholic identity, we will strive to collaborate with both offices to make education about sexual health and availability of contraception more accessible to students. If these offices find themselves unable to change policies, we will ask that they refer interested students to H*yas for Choice to assure that resources will at least be readily available on campus, if not present in the open eye. (0)

4. Do you support tabling in front of Healy? Do you support a campus-wide tabling zone? If so, how will your administration advocate for this initiative?

In preparation for this campaign, we consulted with over 10 administrative departments given that they are the biggest asset on campus- if leveraged appropriately. These meetings included a conversation with Dr. Olsen. While the university will never see eye to eye with some mission statements of student groups, it is vital as the student association that we advocate for our peers if for nothing else than the right to free speech.

That being the case, we support tabling in front of Healey as any other student group should have the right do. We believe that we offer the least combative approach in working with administrators, which should help facilitate the conversation not only next year, but for many years to come. (1)

5. Would you use GUSA Fund money to fund pro-choice events and speakers? How much do you plan on allocating to GUSA Fund? Do you have another proposal for HFC to receive SA fee funding outside of the confines of GUSA Fund?

Yes, we do. We recognize that non-A2B groups are severely limited in terms of sources of funding. GUSA Fund is one of the only available funding bodies at their disposal. In keeping with GUSA Fund's mission of impacting the most Georgetown students as possible, HFC's events are always welcome. We plan to budget \$20,000 towards the GUSA Fund, and hopefully FinApp allocates more than the \$15,000 it received this year. We value GUSA Fund's flexibility in order to support unanticipated events of student groups, especially those without A2B. (2.5)

6. Many faculty and staff feel uncomfortable partnering with H*yas for Choice because they have not yet received tenure. Do you support faculty and staff's (particularly those without tenure) right to express their individual opinions? If so, how will you advocate for increased protections?

Regardless of the position you hold at Georgetown, be it a faculty, staff (having tenure or not), or student, everyone should and will have a seat at the table in our administration. We cannot talk the talk without walking the walk. That is foundationally not how we work. Similarly, as we are both members of the Georgetown Lecture Fund, we are engrained with the notion that dialogue from all sides is welcomed and necessary. We are not partial to one side or the other as an administration. We are mere facilitators and advocates for our peers who approach us with their ambition, and if pushed to choose, we will favor the view that encourages more openness and therefore inclusivity in conversation and extracurricular life on campus. (1)

Raw Score: 7.5

FINAL SCORE: C-

Note: all spelling and grammar errors were left uncorrected