DEAR HOYAS,

It has been an honor to serve as your student body president and vice-president thus far, and we will forever be grateful to you for entrusting us to work towards a Fresh GUSA. In the past eight months our administration has tackled the challenges that affect our community both on campus and federally, placing a particular focus on our platform commitments of affordability, student health, and entrepreneurship.

On the affordability front, the work we take on for the short-run falls into two categories: 1) addressing hidden costs of attending Georgetown which affect students from all income backgrounds, and 2) reaching higher transparency around tuition-rate setting through roundtables and increased university communication. For student health & wellness we prioritize expanding student access to physical and mental health resources, in spite of the growing costs associated with providing these services. Lastly, we work to improve Georgetown’s entrepreneurial culture by creating avenues for student entrepreneurs to develop their skill sets and test out their ideas.

Beyond these three areas, there is a breadth of work that GUSA is charged with, as it is our job to represent the wide array of student interests. Central to this mission is using our party status in the Georgetown Community Partnership to engage in the negotiations that determine the strategic vision of both our campus and the greater Georgetown community. Also central to this mission is working with the University Federal Relations Office to fight against the legislative actions which negatively affect us here at home, such as the Trump Administration’s Travel Bans, the repeal of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act, Betsy DeVos’s steps backward on Title IX, among others.

With all this in mind, our work can be organized using three themes which this report seeks to provide insight on: producing a more affordable Georgetown experience for students of all income backgrounds, advocating for students at the decision-making tables that affect the student experience, and making resources more accessible for students.

We hope Thanksgiving Break offered you much deserved rest, relaxation and time with those you are thankful for. And we hope this GUSA Thanksgiving Report grants you some insight into the work we are so thankful to have the opportunity to do.

WITH LOVE,

Kamar and Jessica

2017-18 GUSA President & Vice-President
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ADMINISTRATION

SECURED GUSA’S PARTY STATUS FROM THE DC ZONING COMMISSION IN THEIR REVIEW OF MEDSTAR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL’S APPLICATION FOR FURTHER PROCESSING

// Key additions to the Construction Management Plan as a result of negotiation with MedStar:

A period of construction quiet hours from 7:00am-8:00am on Monday-Friday, 7:00am-9:00am on Saturdays, and continuously during study days and exam periods

Granting the university the ability to employ decibel monitoring during quiet periods if noise is suspected to exceed 50 Decibels from the inside of adjacent residence halls

PARTNERED WITH THE COO’S OFFICE TO HOST TWO HOYA ROUNDTABLES

// Summer Roundtable on Student Health Insurance with Dr. Vince WinklerPrins, Associate Vice-President of Student Health, Dr. Leanne Lash, Medical Director of the Student Health Center, and Mrs. Laura Hardman, Director of the Office of Student Health Insurance

// Fall Roundtable on Tuition-Rate setting with University Provost Robert Groves and President DeGioia’s Chief of Staff, Dr. Joe Ferrara

COLLABORATED WITH THE CAWLEY CAREER EDUCATION CENTER AND THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST TO LAUNCH A SPRING 2018 PILOT OF AN UNPAID INTERNSHIP FUND

// This pilot is designed to provide students pursuing unpaid internships for career development and networking with the ability to apply for a stipend to make up for lost wages of a paid internship or job

// Secured $15,000 from the Office of Advancement to support unpaid interns

HELPED LAUNCH GEORGETOWN VENTURES (GV), GEORGETOWN’S FIRST STUDENT RUN ACCELERATOR THROUGH SERVING ON THE BOARD AND HELPING STUDENT FOUNDERS NAVIGATE THE GEORGETOWN ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE

// Provides two undergraduate startups one-on-one consulting, financial support, and insight into the customer discovery process

// Gives over 20 undergraduate students the opportunity hands-on experience working for a high-growth potential startup

TESTIFIED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR DC BILL 22-80: ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017

// Advocated that Georgetown University students of undocumented status be explicitly allowed to apply for B22-80’s proposed allocation of financial resources for residents of DC
AFFORDABILITY

WORKING TO PRODUCE A MORE AFFORDABLE GEORGETOWN EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS OF ALL INCOME BACKGROUNDS

GUTS BUSES • Collaborated with the Office of Planning & Facilities Management to dramatically extend access to the broader DC community on Saturdays by improving the Saturday GUTS route to Dupont Circle Metro • New routes feature only 20 minute wait times between buses departing from the bus turnaround • Includes more frequent access to the Foggy Bottom Trader Joes, providing affordable, healthy food options for Georgetown students

TURKEY SHUTTLES • Improved feedback generation for placing the Turkey Shuttles to Reagan Airport and Dulles Airport

TUITION TRANSPARENCY • Penned an opinion piece in The Hoya aimed at advancing tuition transparency

DISCOUNT CARDS • Secured financial support from the Division of Student Affairs and from the Office of Advancement to give 1,500 discount cards to students from low income backgrounds

MENTAL HEALTH • Presented the President’s Office with a petition with over 1,000 signatures to provide financial support for students pursuing off-campus mental health therapy after being referred off campus from the short-term care of CAPS

DOCKLESS BIKE PARTNERSHIPS • Working with the university to pilot new affordable dockless bike partnerships

LAUNDRY & PRINTING • Worked with University Information Services (UIS) to expand the Khan/Fisk Administration’s laundry fee to also give students the option of using the laundry fee for printing costs as well
ADVOCATING FOR STUDENT INTERESTS AND BRINGING STUDENT VOICES TO THE DECISION-MAKING TABLE

ON CAMPUS

// Reconvening the Student Health Advisory Board
// Repealed the No warning policy for noise in first year residence halls
// Revamped the Georgetown Environmental Leaders (GEL) coalition to engage in sustainability work
// Providing student input into the hiring of the two new Assistant Directors of Student Conduct
// Hosted a discussion at the Black House around the occasional tensions between spirituality and mental health in communities of color
// Supporting Health Education Services by providing What’s A Hoya? housing points for Bringing in the Bystander Training

Improved consistency in SafeRides by working with Erik Smulson and the Office of Public Affairs to bring in an additional vehicle
// Filmed an “It’s on us” (to stop sexual assault) video with university partners encouraging students to be active bystanders, shown at home basketball games
// Stressed the importance of entrepreneurship in the Provost’s Student Advisory Committee and pushed for the creation of an Entrepreneurship Minor
// Continue financially supporting student organizations through GUSA Fund for their programming
// Ensured there are feminine hygiene receptacles in women’s bathrooms and all-gender bathrooms, and created a Google Form for students to report bathroom stalls without receptacles

OFF CAMPUS

FEDERAL & DC RELATIONS COMMITTEE • Pushing for Congress to adopt a Clean Dream Act • Hosted a phone bank to call members of Congress urging them to support the DREAM Act • Launched the Friends of the DREAMers campaign and helped students write hundreds of letters to their respective members of Congress • Sent letters to over 1050 student body presidents and received (so far) 100 joint letters addressed to the Secretary of Education urging her to reverse changes to Title IX
// Signed letters of solidarity in regards to DACA along with other Jesuit university student governments
INCREASING ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR STUDENTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS, IDENTITIES AND ABILITIES

// Pushed the university to create a full time undocumented student services position

// Increased space commitment for the ARC to include new study and tutoring spaces

// Launched a new accessibility work request system to send the accessibility work requests straight to Robin Morey’s desk

// Researched effective models of food pantries at other universities to lay the foundation for one at Georgetown

// Provided student input for the establishment of Wawa in Georgetown next to El Centro to launch in the Fall of 2018

// Secured Board approval for investments in a feasibility study for structural improvements to Kehoe Field

TRANSPARENCY & INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY

// Forthcoming comprehensive report on the history of student government on the Hilltop (Spring 2018)

// Created a centralized digital archive of historical GUSA documents

// Continued diversity LEAD training within GUSA
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