Statement on Board of Directors Meeting

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On June 6, 2019, the Student Representatives to the Board of Directors—Casey Doherty (‘20) and Eliza Lafferty (‘21)—presented on student issues to the Working Group on Student Affairs.

Casey and Eliza introduced three agenda items including the GU 272 Referendum results, student responses to the Office of Student Equity and Inclusion, and an update on student perspectives regarding the college admissions scandal.

Regarding the GU 272 Referendum, three Board members met with the GU 272 Advocacy team prior to the presentation and were well-educated on the referendum. The Board did not explicitly oppose the fee but shared that they would be interested in pursuing different ways to begin the reconciliation process. The members expressed a commitment and excitement to continuing to work with the GU 272 Advocacy group for ways on beginning the process of reconciliation.

Based on conversations with members of the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access (CMEA), Georgetown Scholars Program (GSP), and Community Scholars Program (CSP), Casey and Eliza asked that the Board for transparency with students as the office develops, continued support of pre-existing resources (CMEA, GSP, and CSP), and minimal transition in the office so students can grow relationships with the staff. Administrators responded favorably and shared that the office would enhance all pre-existing programs and create more overall cohesion for efforts to improve diversity and access.

Casey and Eliza also asked for transparency with the University’s next steps moving forward with the college admissions scandal, specifically regarding Georgetown’s next steps regarding revocation of degrees already granted to alumni involved in the scandal.

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