

## **H\*yas for Choice Grades:**

1. Student Health Center: C+
  - a. HIV screening: B
  - b. STI screening: C+
  - c. Inclusivity: C
  - d. Problems: C-
2. ACA changes
  - a. Insurance coverage: A
  - b. Student Health Center services: A
  - c. Pressure on administration: B+
3. Menstrual hygiene products
  - a. Availability: D
  - b. Pressure: F
  - c. Distribution: C
4. Access to benefits: B+
  - a. Tabling zones: D
  - b. GEMS spaces: A
  - c. Storage: A
  - d. Point person: A
5. Public support: C

## **Responses received from John and Nick:**

**Student Health Center reform. HFC and members of GUSA have met with Student Health Center administrators several times over the past two semesters and hope to maintain our progress and momentum going forward with GUSA's support.**

**1 Do you support free and anonymous HIV screening once a semester? This happened for the first time this December, advertised primarily by HFC. How will you work to institutionalize this event?**

Yes. Protecting the health and safety of students must be a top priority at Georgetown. The District of Columbia has one of the highest HIV/AIDS rates in the country, so screening should naturally follow. Screenings will require money, so in order to institutionalize them, some form of asset allocation will be required. Through GUSA, routes of advocacy as well as fund distribution can be explored to remedy this expense.

**2 Do you support free and anonymous STI screening once a semester? The Student Health Center is resistant to this due primarily to cost. Can you commit to investigating outside funding sources (e.g., grants) to fund a pilot STI screening event? If not, how else will you work to secure this service for students?**

As with all forms of health, sexual health must be a priority. Free and anonymous STI screenings provide an avenue for students to protect themselves and others from spreading disease. As our platform mainly focuses on decreasing the costs and fees pegged to Georgetown students, we wish to minimize the financial expense of STI testing on the students. We commit to investigate outside funding for a pilot STI screening program, to both protect the health and financial well-being of the Georgetown community.

**3 How do you plan on increasing Student Health Center accessibility and inclusivity for students of diverse and intersecting identities?**

We will continue to build on existing initiatives including: Active Minds, Project Lighthouse, and the Self-Care Resource Guide, with a particular emphasis on students of diverse and intersecting identities. In addition, we will also explore any new initiatives that could facilitate dialogue between the Student Health Center, the student body, and other healthcare professionals, in regard to the issue in order to keep up awareness.

**4 What problems do you see at the Student Health Center and how can best resolve those problems?**

Like many other resources at Georgetown, the Student Health Center could benefit from an upgrade to their operational systems. Improved electronic health records (EHRs) for the Student Health Center would allow them to spend more time helping students and spend less time doing paperwork.

**Affordable Care Act alterations. Student health insurance currently covers contraceptives as designated by the FDA because of a provision in the ACA. If that provision of the ACA is repealed, students on student health insurance will be unable to access contraception free of cost. In addition, the Student Health Center may stop prescribing and providing contraception for non-contraceptive purposes if the ACA is repealed. Students on Georgetown's health insurance will be left without any access to birth control.**

**1 Do you support continued coverage for contraception (the status quo) for students on student health insurance, regardless of changes to the ACA?**

Of course. We do not support the coverage of contraceptives because it is mandated by the ACA - we support it because of our conscience.

**2 Do you support the Student Health Center continuing to prescribe birth control for non-contraceptive purposes, regardless of changes to the ACA?**

Unequivocally, yes. Medical doctors should not have their expert knowledge trumped by non-medical opinions.

**3 How will you pressure the President's office and other relevant administrators to continue providing coverage for students on Georgetown's health insurance?**

As the Georgetown University Premier Plan exists now, contraceptive services are provided and paid for by the insurance policy underwriter, UnitedHealthcare - not Georgetown University. UnitedHealthcare has a high vested interest in continuing to have these services covered in the plan

because they allow them to justify higher premiums, and Georgetown University would have a high menu cost to change underwriters. If the ACA, or the pertinent section, is repealed, we believe it is necessary to illustrate these facts to both stakeholders. Collectively, these facts illustrate a compelling case to maintain the status-quo until an ACA replacement is passed, which will realistically take at least two years. Over that time it will be imperative for future generations of Hoyas to continue to search for legal justifications to maintain contraceptive coverage under whatever new law is passed.

**Menstrual hygiene product campaign. HFC is working on providing free menstrual hygiene products to students on campus. The Corp is implementing a pilot program this month, and paying for facilities workers to supply products in bathrooms, but lacks the funds to fully institutionalize.**

**1 Do you support free menstrual hygiene products for students on campus?**

Yes, so long as the source of funding does not burden the students of Georgetown. With outside funding, e.g. The Corp, it is a perfectly noble plan to provide free menstrual hygiene products for students on campus.

**2. How will you pressure Health Ed or other relevant offices to commit to funding menstrual hygiene products on campus?**

Health Ed's budget is without a doubt not at its most effective limit. We would demand to analyze its budget to reallocate funding without placing an increased financial burden on students.

**3. Do you support free products in bathrooms on campus, a “hub” style where students can go to one location (e.g. Health Ed) and receive supplies in bulk, or both? Which do you favor achieving in the short term, and which in the long term?**

Both options have their merits. A bathroom provides anonymity and easy access but also can lead to vandalized products and a failure to restock (think about all the outdated 'Stallseat Journals'). A central hub would likely be easy to establish in the short term.

**Access to benefits policy changes.**

**1 Do you support the expansion of tabling zones on campus? If so, where? How do you plan to overcome administrator resistance, e.g. for tabling in Healy Circle?**

Free speech is a fundamental right that must be protected and expanded on campus. Tabling zone expansion goes right along with this, and we would support nearly any addition. For example, we support the addition of a tabling zone in the North East Passage on campus. That said, we are all Georgetown students, and it is in all of our best interests to make Georgetown as remarkable and as respected as it can be. Healy Circle is the face of Georgetown. In the pursuit of fair and equal

opportunity for all student groups, regardless of their ideology or cause, we are not in favor of allowing any tabling or protesting in Healy Circle as it is a visitor's first impression of the University.

**2. Do you support groups without access to benefits acquiring the ability to reserve OCAF/GEMS spaces? If so, how do you plan to overcome administrator resistance?**

Yes, Georgetown students and groups without access to benefits should have the opportunity to reserve campus space. Our plan to work around administrator resistance would be to have GUSA reserve space on behalf of groups without access to benefits.

**3. Do you plan to maintain GUSA storage for unrecognized student groups? Do you plan to maintain a policy team/policy chair/other designated point person for unrecognized student group concerns?**

Yes. Representing the diverse student body here at Georgetown is our mission, regardless of whether or not the administration recognizes a particular group. For this reason, we see it as crucial for unrecognized groups, whose ideology does not align with that of the administration, to have a fair opportunity to organize, advocate, and host events. To ensure rights for unrecognized student groups, we would have a designated point person to serve as a liaison between these groups and GUSA to help reserve space and deal with free speech concerns.