GUSA Finance & Appropriations Committee

**FY19 Budget Summit**

Student Activity Fee Funding Application

(APPLICATION A - Advisory Boards, GPB, the GUSA Executive-Elect and the Lecture Fund)

Please email this application and accompanying materials to gusafinanceandappropriations@gmail.com by **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm.**

**PART A.**

Name of Organization: Sahil and Naba for Georgetown

Mission of Organization: We are building a GUSA that is by Georgetown and for Georgetown, on values of inclusivity, accountability, and opportunity. We believe student government can remove barriers to success for every person and every organization — helping Hoyas achieve according to their own definition. We want to make GUSA work for all of us.

Total Amount of Funding Requested: $25,325

**PART B.**

Please fill out the Application A Financial Information excel document.

**PART C.**

Please attach a copy of the budgeting guidelines used by your organization for any and all purposed.

**PART D.**

Please answer the following questions individually:

1. How did your organization affect student life? Can this be measured?

GUSA advocates for all of the Georgetown student body with the University’s administration, the Georgetown neighborhood, and the DC community. It holds both itself and the administration accountable to students. GUSA prioritizes student concerns and initiatives, convening the student body and the broader Georgetown community around them. Every voice matters—GUSA must be representative and inclusive of all identities and communities that make up our student body.

1. How many clubs/groups compose your organization? Please list them, noting especially any clubs/groups added (or planned to be added) within FY18.

GUSA Executive, GUSA Senate, GUSA Fund, SAO, DC and Federal Relations Committee (planned to be added)

1. What were significant challenges for your organization over the past year? What were significant successes for your organization over the past year?

Significant challenges included inclusivity and representation of the Georgetown student body amongst student leadership, as well as engagement and collaboration with student organizations. Successes included further development of relationships with administration and innovative collaboration to support student mental health and wellness.

1. Do you have any budget concerns for the next 5-10 years?

N/A

1. What level of financial risk does your organization incur?

N/A

1. How could the Budget Summit process be improved this year? How could relations with GUSA be improved?
2. If you are requesting more funding for FY19 than FY18, please explain why.

Increases in the funding request for FY19 are 1) to empower GUSA Fund to support diversity and inclusion, innovation, and wellness initiatives within the Georgetown student community 2) to affirm and preserve the work of the DC and Federal Relations Committee 3) to support deeper work and progress on Affordability issues for Georgetown students and 4) to convene Georgetown communities and understand their concerns and priorities for GUSA advocacy and leadership.

**PART E.**

Please ensure your organization continues to comply with the 2010 6-Point Reform Plan by **commenting in the affirmative and detailing** how your group is compliant for each of the 6 points individually.

1. The total balance of any advisory board’s reserve account shall not be excessive (as deemed by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs), and boards with surplus funds should provide a plan for their reserves.

Naba and I affirm this point and understand the importance of precise stewardship of GUSA appropriations.

2. An appeals process shall be implemented and publicized, where such processes do not already exist, for clubs that are denied full funding for an activity or annual budget under its advisory board.

Naba and I affirm this point.

3. Clubs shall have the option of requesting a lump sum, annual budget with an opportunity to reapply for additional funding from its advisory board.

Naba and I affirm this point.

4. All meetings and recorded minutes of all meetings of an advisory board shall be open to the public, including any and all votes, and that all records are posted online in a timely fashion.

Naba and I affirm this point. We have institutionalized such practices within our campaign and will champion their comprehensive implementation within our administration if elected.

5. Members of the advisory board are, in some way, directly accountable to their constituents or to the student body in general, such as having GUSA Senate confirmation or being elected by the leaders of the clubs they represent.\*

Naba and I affirm this point.

6. Clubs have reasonable control over all funds that they fundraise outside of the  normal allocations process.

Naba and I affirm this point.

\*The committee is aware that the structure of boards has changed in the past eight years; please note ‘such as’ merely indicates examples of how accountability is manifested and focus on the spirit of the Point.

**CERTIFICATION:**

By signing below, I hereby certify that the information enclosed is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Funding Request Form Submitted By:**

Sahil and Naba for Georgetown

**Name of Group Student Chair:**

Sahil Nair and Naba Rahman

**Signature of Group Student Chair (type your name):**

Sahil Nair and Naba Rahman

**Name of Group Advisor:**

Erika Cohen-Derr

**Signature of Group Advisor (type your name):**

**Date: 2/14/2017**

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