

Introduced by: Senator Beit (2026), Senator Solki (2026)

Co-Sponsored by: President Henshaw, Vice President Wagner, Senator Rao (At-Large), Senator Lane (2028), Senator Jiang (2028), Senator Lipton (2027), Senator Amos (2027), Senator Santiago (At-Large), Senator Sim (At-Large), Senator Bedoian (2028)

Georgetown University Student Association

In the school year 2025-2026

Restore Student Life Referendum ACT

WHEREAS, the vibrancy of on-campus residential life and the availability of accessible social spaces are essential components of the Georgetown student experience, mental wellbeing of students, and the Jesuit value of community;

WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts of the Office of Student Conduct and other stakeholders and decision makers in their efforts to reform the code of conduct, and the separation of noise warnings from other sanctions;

- **WHEREAS**, a decline in sanctioned and informal on-campus social venues, such as those historically central to student life in areas like Village A and university owned townhouses, has constrained pop props for student interaction within the campus environment;

WHEREAS, these off-campus alternatives present significant safety risks to students, including increased vulnerability to crime during late-night travel, and the dangers inherent in unregulated environments without access to university resources such as GERMS;

WHEREAS, the financial cost of participating in Washington, D.C. nightlife, including transportation, cover charges, and inflated prices for food creates an inequitable social environment that systematically excludes students from lower-income backgrounds;

WHEREAS, a disciplinary system founded on principles of restorative justice, peer-level mediation, and education is aligned with the university's foundational mission of cura personalis care for the whole person;

WHEREAS, meaningful student participation in the formation of university policy and transparent communication regarding disciplinary standards are essential to fostering a relationship of trust and mutual respect between students and the administration;

WHEREAS, George Washington University has their weekend quiet hours begin at 2 AM and American University has theirs start at 1 AM;

THEREFORE, be it ENACTED by the Georgetown University Student Association Senate as follows:

The following questions shall be put before the undergraduate student body in a campus-wide referendum:

SECTION 1. PROGRESSIVE RESPONSE PROTOCOL FOR NOISE VIOLATIONS

Section 1.a. Reasonable noise violations are given temporary day-long warnings. Only upon a reckless disregard for the first warning is a warning escalated to the level of a citation.

Section 1.b All proceedings must have student and staff decision makers present in a manner comparable to Honor Council hearings. These hearings should be flexible, without strict guidelines to accommodate the nature of each case and respective extenuating circumstances.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION OF WARNINGS

All warnings issued as sanctions for noise violations should be erased, for fall of 2025. Sanctions for noise violations shall be removed at the end of the academic year in which they were received and not persist till graduation.

SECTION 3. STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AND TRANSPARENCY

Section 3.a. A Student Conduct Advisory Board, composed of undergraduate students appointed by the GUSA Senate, with representation from Student Advocacy Office, shall be created to review and provide feedback before substantive revisions to the Code of Student Conduct.

Section 3.b. The Office of Student Conduct shall with appropriate student outreach set a measurable standard of noise in decibels for quiet and non quiet hours. With differing and fair standards for informal indoor, outdoor music and other activities.

Section 3.c. The University should move weekend quiet hours to start at 1:30 AM.

SECTION 4. STUDENT GROUPS AND NOISE REGULATIONS

Section 4.a The University must renegotiate current amplified-sound restrictions so they are narrowly tailored to safety and neighborhood concerns.

Section 4.b The University must create graduated time and place standards that allow planned amplified sound events like concerts and student gatherings.

Do you support the above amendments to Georgetown University's disciplinary policies?

Yes

No

The following rules shall govern the above referendum:

1. Voting on the referendum will be open for no less than ninety-six (96) hours.
2. The GUSA Election Commission shall conduct and be accountable for overseeing no less than ten cumulative hours of tabling and outreach by the Election Commission, the Senate, and the current Executive for the above referendum.
3. The GUSA Election Commission shall place the referendum ahead of other elections on the ballot. The Election Commission shall, within the limits of feasibility, place all ballots in the same link.
4. The GUSA Election Commission shall maintain the referendum voting ballot forty-eight (48) hours after the Executive and Senate voting periods close.
5. All University rules and regulations regarding advertising and campaigning shall apply to this referendum.

Certification

Speaker

Vice Speaker

I hereby sign this legislation into law.

President of the Student Association