

- Healthcare
- AM: for healthcare the topics are daycare, services, funding, insurance, mental health, how are these handled at our universities. Who gets funding

UNC: we have health insurance but not all grad students are, but all students have access to campus health. There's a health care center on center, with a possible cost. Lots of student fees go towards that, but we seem overall happy. Mental health have CAPS which is in the same building so you can just go for an appointment. Conversations about adding more services. Don't know the cost.

AM: what makes you eligible

UNC: part of the package includes health insurance, depends on department (I receive it). Covers vision but not dental, there isn't enough buy-in for dental plan. We have BCN network, I can go to private or on-campus

UW: cost and structure, grad students make more than 100\$ receive insurance, which is very good. Dental, medical, vision, mental health is provided in that but don't know how expansive. We work through the UW hospital, most of the medical is dealt in UW facilities. There is a campus center for those without health insurance, has some mental health facilities.

AM: does it cost to be part of it? If you make 1000\$

UW: No it is not at an extra cost

UNC: we have to waive the mandatory program or they will charge you for a program that you don't use

UW: after ACA passed they don't offer this mandatory program anymore.

UM: our plan is similar BCN, can go out of network but on-campus is very cheap. We have dental but not optical. If you have glasses that could be bad. If you are a PhD you get it with no questions asked, for masters you must buy in. We did just reduce overall cost. Councilors put in the graduate school to help specific grad student issues. We have CAPS, but having a meeting can have long wait times.

UNC: we need to increase student fee to cover the loss the health insurance was running at and expanding mental health

AM: it sounds like all universities have a health center, these are funded by fee money. There is a private insurance that grad students have access to, but it isn't always covered for students. I pay 60 for mine at A&M. An issue, our health center has too high of demand, they don't see more funding for more students at AM. We are considering having it expanding our health care system while not restricting students. Mental health works separately, there are support groups for specific topics

UM: forgot to mention we have an on-campus center, and you can phone a nurse to figure out an issue very quickly.

AM: we have talked about having councilors in the graduate school or departments. We can do better internal advocacy with information from other schools. On a federal level what can we do?

UW: for federal action related to healthcare we can act as a watchdog for legislation that would impact healthcare.

AM: do changes to healthcare affect our populations

UNC: if ACA goes away we would be dramatically affected.

UM: We can keep an eye on how legislation affects that

UW: Murray-Alexander bill, would lower deficit to. Fixes cost-sharing subsidies that federal pays to state

AM: we need to do more research on how these affect masters and international students

UW: international students are required to get insurance usually through UW, masters students are not

AM:What services do mental health provide and spreading that info to international students.