

Graduate and Professional Student Senate,

As the 2024-2025 Vice President of Administration, and previously as the 2023-2024 Office Director, Senator, and Executive Senator, I've had the honor to witness the power of GPSS to create real change not only within UW but also at state and federal level. In a time when higher education is being reshaped by new policies, GPSS remains a stronghold for advocacy, community, and student voice. Inspired by the work we've accomplished and the challenges ahead, I'm seeking re-election for 2025–2026 to continue building a more engaged, empowered, and representative graduate student community. My priorities, shaped by years of hands-on leadership and experiences, are outlined below:

Recruitment: During the 2024–2025 academic year, we've seen a remarkable surge in engagement. Our Senate has expanded from 85 to 110 members, now representing approximately 75 programs across the Seattle campus. Beyond this growth, GPSS has strengthened its collaboration not only with ASUW Seattle but also with ASUW Bothell and Tacoma, reinforcing our commitment to serving graduate and professional students across all UW campuses. We also have strong partnerships with our non-academic member organizations such as CIRCLE, Counseling Center, and Q-Center. This growth is a direct reflection of the momentum and dedication I've worked to cultivate within our student community through intentional, hands-on leadership. Over the past year, I spearheaded a series of outreach and engagement initiatives including campaigning at the Fall Quarter RSO Fair, presenting at 37 orientation sessions, distributing strategic marketing materials, sending weekly newsletters and consistent all-grad emails, offering one-on-one support to Senators, leading onboarding orientations, maintaining open office hours, hosting the GPSS Appreciation Happy Hours to recognize our advisors and senators. This work will continue into my next term, with a strong focus on expanding representation across even more programs, especially as UW is home to nearly 400 graduate and professional programs. To strengthen this effort, I plan to develop more targeted outreach strategies for underrepresented departments, collaborate closely with program advisors to identify potential Senators, enhance onboarding resources to support new representatives, and leverage data-driven insights through our last GPSS

Composition Survey to ensure every graduate and professional program at UW has a seat at the Senate.

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Website and Records Maintenance: As the supervising officer of the Website Developer

Director, I successfully led the launch of a fully redesigned and modernized GPSS website, transforming an outdated platform into a more accessible and functional resource. However, despite these improvements, challenges remain, particularly around navigation, user accessibility, and automation. If re-elected, I plan to explore key automation tools, including an automated meeting sign-in system for Senators and an online voting system while making information more transparent and accessible to both Senators and the public. I also aim to improve site navigation, implement a searchable document archive for legislation and minutes, showcase GPSS's accomplishment and efforts, and create interactive onboarding and resource hubs for Senators and student leaders. Ultimately, these efforts are designed to increase student participation and engagement, while showcasing the vital work of GPSS in a way that is transparent, inclusive, and accessible to our entire community.

Community Engagement: As Vice President of Administration, I've focused on ensuring that Senators are equipped to participate meaningfully in GPSS. From updating the Senator Handbook and supporting parliamentary procedures to guiding resolution-writing and helping launch committees, onboarding and engagement have been at the heart of my work. This year, we saw multiple senator-led workshops, events, and committees take shape, a direct result of strong one-on-one support and intentional community-building. I've also actively encouraged broader graduate and professional student participation in GPSS meetings and events. If re-elected, I plan to deepen these connections and continue building a community where every student feels empowered to lead, engage, and make an impact.

Understanding the significance of this role, I am deeply grateful for the trust and support GPSS members have shown me over the past two years, and I sincerely thank you for your consideration as I seek to continue this important work.