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Statement of Objectives: Application for GPSS Vice President of Finance

My name is Anne Rizvi, and I am currently a first year graduate student pursuing a Masters of Public Administration at the Evans School of Public Policy. I am beyond excited to formally announce my intent to run for the Vice President of Finance GPSS position for the 2025-2026 academic year.

I spent four years at Mount Holyoke College (2020-2024) engaging in student advocacy, student leadership and community building. During this time, I served as President of my 2024 class board for three consecutive years, leading a team of 9 members. I supervised the planning, financing, and outreach for large scale events on campus for up to 500+ students, faculty, and alumni. I chaired our monthly budgeting meetings, and closely worked with our treasurer to manage and allocate our yearly funds. I also led various fundraising initiatives and connected with constituents on campus to help us receive \$10,000+ for our senior year.

My identity as an international student from Pakistan allows me to bring a diverse and multicultural perspective to this position. I am excited to have the chance to work alongside this team to serve our diverse graduate community. I place importance in making sure financial resources are allocated in the way that best serves the needs of all graduate students, including the often underserved needs of international students. It is my priority to make all graduate students feel that they have the tools to succeed during their time here. Currently I serve on the leadership team for Evans International Student Association for the 2025-2026 academic year,

where I engage in community building, networking events, and connecting students with the relevant resources available on campus.

During my time here at the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, I have honed my finance and budgeting skills through classes and practical applications– with courses such as Public Finance and Budgeting and Public Infrastructure Financing. I am well equipped to step into this role working with and revising large budgets, and evaluating programs to make the necessary adjustments to serve the graduate community. If given the opportunity, I would use this role to expand GPSS's access to long term funding sources through networking with constituents on campus, as well as coordinating with the Vice President of Internal Affairs for outreach with UW alumni.

I view this role as a way to help my future fellow senate members by ensuring transparency in finances and budget proposals, efficient and strategic planning, and connecting them with the necessary resources to achieve policy and program goals. I hope to be the best possible resource to my senate team, so we can work together to continue to serve and advocate for our graduate students' success, needs, and equitable engagement.