Michaella Rogers

Statement of Objectives

My name is Michaella Rogers and I am running for GPSS Treasurer for the 2016-2017 academic year. I currently serve as GPSS Special Assistant to the President where I am involved in many different projects including scheduling, relationship management, assisting with meeting agendas, and helping to plan events. I have also attended Executive Senate, Finance and Budget, Travel Grants, PACS, and SAF Meetings to gain exposure to different aspects of GPSS.

I am an MPA candidate in the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance with a focus on international development and finance. I have taken several finance classes including Financial Management and Budgeting, where I learned the processes and techniques for budgeting and accounting in the public and nonprofit sectors. I plan to continue to focus on these types of courses in the second year of my MPA studies to gain more financial skills.

Before attending graduate school, I held several positions where I gained valuable skills that will prove useful if I am elected Treasurer. I was the General Manager for a small business with two locations where I had a breadth of responsibilities that included budgeting, maintaining the general ledger, creating quarterly sales targets, and performing cost of goods analysis. Through this experience I gained financial skills and it gave me an understanding of the complete financial process for a business. In my following position as Logistics Coordinator and Purchasing Manager for a manufacturing company, I also used my financial analysis skills. I was responsible for finding cost-effective ways to purchase raw materials and I also worked with freight brokers to establish tariffs to ship our products.

This summer I will be interning with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) where I will be working as a project manager for the Development Fund. There I will be involved in the allocation and management of funding for different projects aimed at helping refugee and migrant populations. I will come back in the fall with more exposure to how a large organization budgets and allocates funding to projects.

Some of the objectives I would like to work on as GPSS treasurer are:

- Continuing timely budget preparation and presentation
- Funding a diverse selection of events for graduate and professional students on campus
- Ensuring that budgets are spent as they were allocated for
- Working with HUB accounting to ensure that GPSS complies with university accounting and budgeting practices
- Streamlining the travel grant, department allocation, and special allocation process
- Making sure GPSS is in healthy financial condition for the current fiscal year and for years to come

I hope that you will consider me for a GPSS officer position for the 2016-2017 academic year. I feel I can best contribute to the success of GPSS by using my finance and budgeting skills in the role of Treasurer.