(Elloise) Soh Yeun Kim for Secretary

Statement of Objectives
As GPSS Secretary, my goal is to contribute to making the GPSS as a community in which graduate and professional students feel fairly represented through efficient and reliable communication. I understand that GPSS Secretary’s main responsibility is managing communication among the GPSS office, its senators, departments, and UW administration on behalf of graduate and professional students. I believe my diverse involvement in the GPSS for being Executive Senator, Finance & Budget and Diversity Committee (DC) member, Executive Liaison to the Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS) and Faculty Council of Multicultural Affairs (FCMA), is a great asset to serve the position effectively and well.

First of all, serving as GPSS Executive Senator throughout this academic year, I have been able to earn a deeper understanding of and insight into how the GPSS works both internally and externally. The Executive Committee indeed strives to have a well-thought and vigorous conversation in every single Executive meeting so that the GPSS promotes and represents the best interest of graduate and professional students. It has been such a delight and an honor to be a part of a great team this year. I sincerely want to continue and yet make a more dedication by getting a chance to serve as Secretary.

Since the last quarter the GPSS has rebuilt its structure at the unprecedented level to enhance its function and efficiency. Transition between this year’s leadership and that of next year, therefore, is more critical than any other year. The experience of closely working with officers has given me a privilege of learning their success as well as their concerns and yet-to-come projects for the future of the GPSS. I look forward to extending my vision and passion for the GPSS as Secretary, while inheriting the wisdom from this year’s officers, staff, and many other Senators serving on GPSS committees and more. In this process, I’d like to contribute to a smooth transition and effective communication among current and incoming officers, staff, and Senators.

Please do not misunderstand me, however, as if I hold the view of the GPSS only from the executive level. As to the rich value of an individual graduate and professional student’s contribution, I have well-learned it through sitting on committees such as Finance & Budget and Diversity Committee. Indeed, I had become a part of the GPSS through joining its DC in Fall 2013 long before being Senator of English Department. After years of
working to increase diversity awareness within my home department, I looked out to other resources on campus, and the DC gave me an exciting space and occasion to hold converse with other people about diversity related issues, from cultural competence and micro-aggression to support for international students. Heartfelt support and enthusiasm of peer committee members made me want to get more involved into the GPSS and here I am today. Seeing that GPSS Secretary is to be on committees such as Office of Minority Affairs Student Advisory Board and Go-MAP Student Advisory Board, I am highly excited to continue my service to expand diversity in our academic community representing the GPSS along with help of many committed Senators and students.

Last but not least, through sitting on PACS and FCMA as GPSS Executive Liaison I have been able to gain a wider understanding of UW administration of higher level besides work of the GPSS. Also, I have faithfully represented the perspective of graduate and professional students there raising voice and dedicating time. Not to mention that I would keep bringing what I have learned from those committees to the GPSS, as Secretary, assisting Internal Vice President I’d like to ensure that Executive Liaisons work with solid support from the GPSS and punctual update on the GPSS’ position in relation to their service on each committee.

To make a long story short, the following are two major objectives that I’d like to commit as GPSS Secretary:

**Reliable Communication**

- Facilitate smooth communication among GPSS and Senators;
- Deliver clear and timely information to Senators;
- Produce and maintain accurate records of GPSS documents including minutes, agendas, resolutions, and its bylaws;
- Maintain organized communication between GPSS officers and its staff;
- Provide responsive conversations among the GPSS, the ASUW, and university committees and boards;
- Coordinate work of GPSS Executive Liaisons with solid support and timely communication.

**Promotion of Diversity**

- Assist and represent diverse needs of graduate and professional students;
- Create a welcoming and inclusive culture for new Senators;
- Build a supportive community for underrepresented students;
- Enhance diversity awareness within and beyond the GPSS through collaboration with the GPSS Diversity Committee, Executive Liaisons, and Senators.

Thank you for your kind consideration. If you have any questions, please email me: elloise@uw.edu