STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES
Amy M. Gabriel | GPSS Secretary Candidate

My name is Amy Gabriel and I am running for GPSS Secretary for the 2018-19 school year. I currently work as the GPSS Office Manager, and serve on the GPSS Diversity Committee and the Travel Grants Committee. I am a first-year student at the Evans School of Public Policy & Governance, where I am pursuing my Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in Social Policy: Poverty, Education, and Social Welfare.

As Office Manager, I have completed a variety of projects related to GPSS membership management, including an analysis of underrepresented graduate departments within GPSS. I identified departments with little or no representation over the past eight years, and researched advisors for each department to contact them directly and encourage GPSS involvement. This knowledge is valuable for the Secretary position as I have become aware of gaps in graduate student representation, and can engage these departments in GPSS in the coming year.

While serving on the Diversity Committee, I assisted with the creation of a new organizational structure to increase delegation and accountability in committee leadership positions, and I am participating in planning efforts for two upcoming committee events. With the Travel Grants Committee, I reviewed and recommended awards for four rounds of applications, and helped revise the grading rubric for greater clarity. These experiences provided me with insight on GPSS committee functions, and allowed me to exercise relevant skills which are important for the Secretary position, such as planning, development, and collaboration.

As GPSS Secretary next year, I will...

Strengthen communication between GPSS, its senators, and the UW community.
*Clear and concise communication is key to ensuring GPSS success.* Efforts include:

- Frequent website updates, and a new “Being a Senator” website tab
- Easily transferable GPSS announcements for senators to distribute to constituents
- Reimplementing the GPSS Google Calendar for clarity on meeting information
- Early recruitment of new senators so GPSS better reflects the UW grad community

Increase opportunities for senators to engage with GPSS.
*Senator passion and involvement is the heart of GPSS.* Ideas include:

- Collaborating with current senators to develop tactics for strengthening retention
- Researching different engagement methods, including virtual meeting participation

Improve GPSS infrastructure for sustainable replication.
*Consistency of GPSS operation is important for organizational momentum.* Strategies include:

- Developing formal protocols, document templates, and filing systems
- Prioritizing responsibilities to senators and diversity efforts through task delegation

Maintain efficiency and effectiveness of the GPSS Diversity Committee.
*Pursuing diversity within the UW community requires collaboration and perseverance.* Goals include:

- Hosting more frequent brown bag lunches and forums on a variety of diversity topics
- Coordinating with diversity leaders across campus to co-host large diversity events
- Working with committee members to set budget priorities for events and awards

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your Graduate and Professional Student Senate Secretary for the 2018-19 school year. Thank you for your consideration!