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Dear Members of the Senate:

I am thrilled by the possibility of representing the graduate and professional students of UW in the role of GPSS Treasurer next year. While the position will be complex and demanding, I am confident that I have the skills required to ensure financial stability within GPSS, as well as to promote our student voice in the larger university setting. I have an extensive and varied background in finance, which includes the following experiences:

- **In the classroom:** Financial Math was my favorite class in high school. I majored in Economics as an undergraduate. At the University of Washington, I have excelled in all finance related courses, and sought out additional coursework through the addition of two electives to my core courses. I will be completing the “Public Budgeting and Finance” degree certificate during the upcoming academic year.

- **Professionally:** I have been responsible for creating financial projections for housing developments valued at $52 and $62 million dollars. At a YMCA summer camp I directed, I stretched a budget of just $18/kid into 12 field trips for each child. I’ve written affordable housing grant applications for a $33 million dollar development that required translating financials into an accessible format for potential funders.

- **In a university setting:** I recently worked to establish a $120,000 endowment for the Women’s and Men’s Ultimate Frisbee programs at Tufts University to ensure affordability for current players as well as long-term stability for the programs.

If elected Treasurer, I will commit myself to transparency and communication. Students and Senators should not struggle to figure out where their money is being spent and how those decisions are being made. My plans include making clear the fiscal policies and procedures used within GPSS, publishing committee meeting times and notes promptly, and making myself easily accessible. I also plan to diligently seek out student voice in regards to the allocations of the Services and Activities Fee ($16.5m) and Student Technology Fee ($8.6m) funds. These have a huge impact on student life, and I will dedicate myself to ensuring responsible spending that reflects student needs.

I would love to learn from each of you what you seek in the Treasurer position for next year and how I can ensure those needs are met. Feel free to reach me at robbyp@uw.edu or by phone at (978) 621-0892.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robby Perkins-High