

## **GPSS Treasurer: Statement of Objectives**

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I would like to express my interest in serving as Treasurer of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. I am fortunate to have almost twenty years at the University of Washington, and I am now working on my triple husky as an Oral Medicine Resident in the School of Dentistry. I am energized by opportunities to serve my community, and have been consistently active in advocacy for both students and underprivileged populations.

I have only recently discovered the world of GPSS, and I highly value the collaborative, and well-orchestrated manner for which our organization serves both undergraduate and graduate students. I have taken a deep dive into my own commitment in providing service to our students through GPSS, and I am enthusiastic in providing my experience and perspective to aid in preserving, and continuing to improve our efforts. I am now serving on the student regent finalist advisory committee and student technology fee committee, and plan to continue serving on others.

My passion and dedication to UW continues to evolve, and most recently I have experienced first-hand, the importance of wise financial disbursement, utilization and management on multiple levels. As you probably already know, the School of Dentistry is undergoing major challenges of which the reasons are complex and multifactorial. The school is running a \$36M deficit. The Oral Medicine program, in addition to four others were at risk for being closed: all of which are programs that specialize in treating people who are medically complex. I have taken a vested interest in gaining a broad perspective in the search for solutions to transform our crisis into an opportunity to see our school flourish. I have since made it a mission to establish and strengthen our student voice, and have invested the majority of my efforts to focus on the good of our school, and gain a broad perspective by speaking with numerous people surrounding the issues and solutions. Serving as an active alternate on the Leadership Council will afford me both time and resources in our efforts.

The biggest lesson that continues to be reiterated, and the one I intend to expand on if given the opportunity as treasurer, is the importance of transparency, communication and accountability. They are paramount when it comes to so many processes, but especially when considering financial factors. I recognize the importance of accurately and reliably generating and disseminating regular budgets. I would like to ensure that our student resources are used to continue to support our students in the most effective and efficient way; making them accessible to the diverse range of students and student organizations that make up the vibrant tapestry of our school. My aim is to not only provide the fundamental financial services for which this role is defined, but I also intend to bring new perspective to the role, and identify innovative solutions to continue to improve efficiency and access to our resources. I bring a wide network of contacts and colleagues and enjoy thinking creatively to act synergistically and join forces with other organizations; some well-established, and others fresh and dynamic. I look forward to exploring the opportunities we have as an organization in order to both maintain our solid foundation while continuing to help it grow.