Statement of Objectives
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Primary Objectives
Comprehensive Universal Student Health Insurance
I have long been a supporter and advocate for student health insurance at the University of Washington. Now, more than ever, UW students and their families should not have to make a choice between seeking care and affording rent. Dozens of our peer institutions — public and private — have for years provided all their students the option to access affordable, comprehensive healthcare. It about is time that the UW step up and do the same. That all students, in-state or out-of-state, in-person or online, undocumented or not, have this same opportunity. That all students regardless of race, age, gender, orientation, ableness, creed, or otherwise, not have to make a financial choice when deciding whether to seek care.

Make a Critical Expansion of Mental Health Services
Mental health is a growing crisis that will continue to get worse at an alarming rate. Even before social isolation during the COVID-19 crisis, UW’s mental health facilities were wildly inadequate for meeting the needs of students. Those seeking care endure month-long wait times and are allowed only a limited number of visits. On top of that, the University provides only 40% of the current funding for Mental Health. The rest is paid for by students. As President, I will use the connections I made working on the Provost’s Mental Health Task Force to help realize a much need expansion in mental health services and to make sure that students are not flipping the bill.

Expand & Adjust Resources for Student Parents & Caregivers
As graduate students there is often a lot more happening in our lives that just school. Whether you are a parent or a caregiver, being a student while caring for others can be like having two full-time jobs. Unfortunately, there are few campus resources that can accommodate the unique needs of student caregivers, and even fewer that are dedicated to serving this population. Providing support for these students is not an insurmountable task. We can start by making sure there is at least one person on campus is dedicated to helping student parents and caregivers. As president I will work to make this position a reality and to make sure that they have the resources necessary to help these students in need.

Additional Key Objectives
- Work with UAW 4121, the Graduate School Council, the Vice Provost for Academic and Student Affairs, and the Vice President for Student Life to continue work on creating comprehensive training and resources for incoming graduate students, TAs, RAs, and GAs. This training and the supplemental resources should cover at least the following topics:
  - Mental health and crisis interventions.
  - The new Title IX process.
  - Sexual assault and harassment in PI, advisor, and other professional or academic relationships.
- Coordinate multilateral graduate lobbying effort with SAGE, WSA, ASUW, and the UW Administration to ensure that the UW does not face large budget cuts in the upcoming long session of the Washington Legislature. It will be critical in these efforts that we ensure graduate students do not lose their jobs or the funding that enables them to go to school in the first place.
- Work with the incoming Executive Director of Capital & Space Management to ensure that the University’s Capital Plan has climate impacts as one of its core considerations. It is time that the UW lead by example and commit to becoming carbon neutral within the next 10 years.
- Continue GPSS strategic planning to ensure that graduate student advocacy is as effective as possible from year to year. Many of these projects will take years of advocacy. Strategic planning will be critical for long term success.