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Statement of Objectives

My name is Amber, a Master's student from Taiwan. I am pursuing my MS degree in the Bioengineering which is under the College of Engineering and UW Medicine.

I would like to be the Secretary in Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) for the 2020-2021 academic year because I really enjoy and want to contribute towards the diversity and the positive atmosphere in UW. As a Secretary, I would like to build on the great regulations already established here and shorten the distance between every graduate & professional student and GPSS.

My previous leadership/work experience has equipped me with adequate organization skills and communication skills for this position. I had been an Executive Secretary of an Engineering summer camp holding for 120 high school students during my undergraduate years. Before I entered the Grad school in UW, I had worked as a full-time Research Assistant in a lab at National Taiwan University. My duties included maintaining documents, expense reimbursement, and communication with Business Specialist from lab equipment/consumables suppliers.

If I am elected as the Secretary, in addition to listed responsibility, I intend to work more on the followings:

1. Involve more senators from different department/program/non-academic communities. As I know, at least several programs under the College of Engineering or UW Medicine did not send Senators to GPSS regular meeting.

2. Make the information from GPSS more accessible to every graduate & professional students through GPSS website or other internet service.

One of the mission of GPSS is creating an equitable and inclusive community. Through the collaborating of GPSS officers and Senators, I believe we can preserve the great practice that has already established and create a better community.