

April 26th, 2023.

University of Washington
Graduate and Professional Students Senate (GPSS)
GPSS Elections Committee

Re: Filing for Candidacy – Vice President of Finance

Greetings Elections Committee Members:

I am Evans Kaame, current MPA candidate at the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance. Additionally, I serve as a member of the current senate, representing the Evans School constituency. I am writing to file for candidacy for the GPSS VP of Finance position in the upcoming May 3rd, 2023, GPSS election. Below, I briefly explain my professional and academic experiences as they relate to the VP of Finance duties and responsibilities.

I am currently interning with the University of Washington Office of Planning and Budgeting, where I conduct legislative and policy analysis under the Policy Planning and State Operations division. From this experience, I have accrued knowledge of the university budgeting processes at all levels of governance, from department authorizations to the Board of Regents approvals. Before this internship, I served as student body vice president and president between the Spring of 2019 and the Spring of 2022 at Washington State University (WSU) Vancouver and Clark Community College, respectively. In these roles, I worked with student leaders to draft, present, and approve annual budgets (with over \$2 million in allocation) under the Services and Activities Fees guidelines. Furthermore, at WSU Vancouver, I chaired the Undergraduate Travel Grant committee for two years and managed its budget. Academically, I have taken Financial and Managerial Accounting courses at WSU Vancouver and the Financial Management and Public Budgeting course at the Evans School. Suffice to say, I am eager to apply these academic and professional experiences to the duties and responsibilities of the VP of Finance position. I hope my candidacy will be approved. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Evans Kaame

OFFICER CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM 2023-2024

This form is to be completed by the candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee (gpsselect@uw.edu), by Wednesday, **April 26, 2023, 5:30 PM** in order for candidate information to be posted on the GPSS website and by **Thursday, April 27, 2023** to be distributed via email to Senators. Senators wishing to nominate themselves from the floor must also provide this information at time of nomination.

1. Full Name: **Evans Kaame**

2. Graduate or professional program of study: **Masters of Public Administration**

3. Are you currently a registered student? Yes () No (): **YES**

4. Do you expect to be a graduate or professional student during the 2023-2024 academic year (Fall, Winter & Spring Quarters)? Yes () No (): **YES**

5. The position you are running for is: **Vice President of Finance**

6. Indicate at least three GPSS Senate or committee meetings, including at least one meeting conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure, that you have attended during the 2023-2024 academic year prior to the election meeting.

- See Section 2.1 of the Elections Guide for a list of qualifying committee meetings.

- **GPSS Senate meetings.**
- **GPSS Diversity Committee meetings.**
- **GPSS Legislative and Advisory Board meetings.**

7. Do you understand and acknowledge that you should be able to work for GPSS for 19.5 hours per week during the 2023-2024 academic year, including 8 hours per week in the office (4 for President) between the standard business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday? Yes () No (): **YES**

8. If 'No' to question 7, please explain:

Affirmative Statements

I, Evans Kaame, do not have any responsibilities (be them academic, employment, or personal) that might prevent me from fulfilling the responsibilities as a GPSS Officer. I affirmatively declare that I meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the GPSS Election Guide.

The requirements as stipulated are:

- I am enrolled as a graduate or professional student at the time of the election or will be enrolled during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters of 2023-2024.

Yes () No (): YES

- I am not a member of the Elections Committee.

Yes () No (): YES

- I have attended at least 3 GPSS Senate or qualifying committee meetings, including one conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure, prior to the Elections meeting during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Yes () No (): YES

- I will intend to maintain full time student status during the term, if elected and be on campus through the 2023-2024 academic year (Fall, Winter and Spring). *Vice President of External Affairs is permitted to take a reduced course load during Winter Quarter.*

Yes () No (): YES

- I will be able to work 19.5 hours per week during the 2023-2024 academic year, including 8 hours per week in the office (4 hours per week for the President) between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Yes () No (): YES