

Elections Committee  
Graduate Professional Student Senate (GPSS)  
Husky Union Building, HUB 314  
University of Washington, Seattle Campus

RAJ S DEWANGAN

**BACKGROUND** Being a first generational international graduate student, I never got the opportunity to travel outside my home country India before the commencement of graduate studies. I could only hear it from my friends and coming from tribal India has helped me to connect more to this region. When I hear land acknowledgement being a part of every public meeting, I feel immense pride to be able to be a part of an institution recognizing this heritage.

My background of architecture and retail business has imbibed a curiosity within me while being an enthusiastic and passionate individual and being a part of a large public institution with 850+ RSOs has made me realize the importance of being active.

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**INVOLVEMENT  
IN GPSS** Senator, Runstad Dept of Real Estate, MS Real Estate Program  
Executive Senator, Executive Committee  
Member, Finance & Budget Committee  
GPSS Representative, Services and Activities Fee (SAF) Committee

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**OBJECTIVES** Vice President of Finance’s role is not limited towards handling the budget and reconciling financial documents in GPSS. I also think it’s the most influential position since all the money GPSS handles comes from the tuition we students pay.

In addition to the general responsibilities of Vice President of Finance, I also intend to:

- Facilitate communication between entities, students and RSO advisors.
- Support and collaborate with ASUW and initiatives.
- Foster a community within GPSS for better collaboration, productivity, and mutual trust.

- Encourage international student participation in graduate student activities.
- Revitalize GPSS space so that every student feels welcomed irrespective of their connection.
- Motivate students to utilize departmental allocation to make their campus stay more comfortable.
- Support initiatives incentivizing graduate students for participation in senate meetings and activities within GPSS.
- Support initiatives for graduate student appointments.
- Endorse entities providing funding opportunities for graduate students.
- Fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment that celebrates diversity and promotes equity and inclusion.
- Providing guidance and support to fellow students who may need help navigating school policies, resources and services.
- Support in-person interaction and foster camaraderie in GPSS space and F&B Committee.
- Actively engage with and listen to feedback from respective Senators.
- Upholding and promoting the values and mission of GPSS and University of Washington.

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**CANDIDACY** With my background and engagement in standing committees during my first year of graduate studies viz a viz Executive Committee, Finance & Budget Committee and my appointment to student led- under the radar Services and Activities Committee, I have mustered ample experience and gained knowledge to run for the position of Vice President of Finance and I hope I will be able to serve the best interests of this student body and the graduate school at large.

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## Summary of Qualifications

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Graduate student pursuing MS Real Estate from Runstad Department of Real Estate, College of Built Environments seeking position of Vice President of Finance in Graduate Professional Student Senate (GPSS). An established leader transitioning from a career of 6+ years in business management and architectural design into real estate with strong interpersonal skills and leadership abilities. Skills include:

**Architectural Design:** Experience in designing and developing mixed use, residential, commercial buildings. Designed Currency Chest for Reserve Bank of India on account of IDBI Bank, Bhopal, user centric design involving human interaction, energy efficiency and community engagement.

**Leadership and Communication:** 4+ years managing a 5 staffed retail optical store at Korba, India, specializing in Customer Satisfaction Index, reached 5<sup>th</sup> position in a country wide survey of 500+ stores. Developed interpersonal skills among different dept, developed relationships with peers, associates as an architect and as a business owner and manager.

## Education

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**Master of Science in Real Estate** **Anticipated June 2024**  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
**Course Track:** Financial Modelling, Project Management, Negotiations and Conflict Resolution, Leadership in Built Environment.

**Bachelor of Architecture,** **May 2015**  
National Institute of Technology, Raipur, IN

## Skills & Tools

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- Proficient in Financial Modelling, MS Office Suite, Due Diligence, and Analytical Skills.
- Proficient in Autodesk Revit, AutoCAD, Lumion Google Sketchup, V-ray
- Working knowledge in Adobe Photoshop, In Design.

## Experience

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**Business Owner/Manager,** Apr. 2018 – Mar 2023

- Capital Management, Inventory Management, Merchandising, Tax Codes.
- Enhanced Customer Experience in retail shopping for prescription glasses, sunglasses and contact lens.
- Capitalizing customer reviews and feedback using Cloudcherry, strengthening store's position.

**Architectural Designer, Self Employed** Jul. 2015 – Nov 2018

- Managed 3 employees in Design Studio, specializing in strategic space and occupancy planning.
- Designed, surveyed, and contracted projects involving government buildings, private residence, mixed use office buildings.
- Special emphasis on space syntax and functional usage of space, daylight and natural ventilation.

## Involvement and Activities

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**Senator,** Runstad Department of Real Estate, MSRE Program Nov. 2022 - Present  
**Executive Senator,** Graduate Professional Student Senate (GPSS), UW Dec. 2022 - Present  
**GPSS Representative,** Services and Activities Fee (SAF) Committee Jan. 2022 - Present  
**Student Representative,** RE Space Planning Project Advisory Committee, CBE, UW Oct. 2022 - Present  
**Student Member,** Washington Chapter CoreNet, ULI, NAIOP Nov. 2022 - Present

## **OFFICER CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM 2023-2024**

This form is to be completed by the candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee ([gpsselect@uw.edu](mailto: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: **Raj S Dewangan**
2. Graduate or professional program of study: **Master of Science in Real Estate (MSRE) - Regular Standing**
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 on 19th April 2023, Executive Meeting on April 12th 2023, F&B Meeting on April 21st 2023**
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, Raj S Dewangan, 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**