

June Shin's Statement of Objectives (GPSS 2024-2025)

Hello! My name is June Shin and I am excited to be running for the Vice President of Equity and Inclusion position in the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. For you to understand my objectives for this VP role, I think it's important to share a bit more about my identities, values, and backstory. Here is a little about myself: I was born in Busan, South Korea and moved to Los Angeles, California when I was around three years old. I attended Los Angeles public schools and received my Bachelors in Psychology (minor in Education Studies) at UCLA. I've been a Teaching Associate in the UW Psychology Department since 2022 and now I am an incoming Master of Social Work student!

Growing up in a low income, immigrant household I did not have a lot of role models who attended and graduated from college in the United States. I got into UCLA with the help of my high school Gear Up program, but I didn't have the same kind of support for applying for graduate schools. Graduate and professional programs can be incredibly intimidating. However, it is oftentimes a necessary step for certain career paths and for those who want to pursue academia. I want to make graduate education more accessible. I also want to support current graduate students who are doing their best to build the lives they want for themselves and their communities, even when there are so many barriers. My personal goal for the MSW program is to learn about educational policy and practices so that I can work with historically resilient populations to combat systematic oppression. In other words, I want to make the world more compassionate, equitable, and sustainable through educational justice, transformative learning, and leadership grounded in cultural humility.

My objectives for the VP of Equity and Inclusion are as follows:

1. Hold myself, GPSS, and the University of Washington accountable to the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - a. **Actionable Step:** Maintain and improve upon established guidelines and expectations for the VP of Equity and Inclusion role and Diversity Committee. This includes overseeing

the allocation of Diversity Funds and providing a report on the process of evaluating applications and reviewing how these funds were utilized.

- b. Actionable Step:** Work towards making GPSS representative of diverse student perspectives. This will involve connecting with academic departments (such as Psychology and Social Work) and different student groups (such as GSEE, UAW 4121, and SUPER-UW) to fill Senate seats.
2. Unveil the hidden curriculum for graduate student success by creating community, mentorships, and informational workshops.
 - a. Actionable Step:** Develop programming, resources, and mentorship that will support underrepresented graduate students who are interested in publishing, teaching, entering academia, or exploring professional/industry/field jobs.
 - b. Actionable Step:** Host a podcast where students can be matched with a professional in their interested field and ask them questions about how they got there and navigated challenges along the way.
3. Build community and partnerships to increase awareness of GPSS and collaborate on initiatives to advance to equity and inclusion both within UW and with the broader Seattle community.
 - a. Actionable Step:** Collaborate with the Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity to hold events for local middle schools, high schools, and community colleges to increase undergraduate, graduate, and professional college access.
 - b. Actionable Step:** Champion the [Graduate Equity Progress Tool](#) developed by the UW Graduate School's Office of Equity & Justice. Provide updates on and workshops about the EP tool for graduate students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Thank you for reading and considering my candidacy for the Vice President of Equity and Inclusion!

These are my current priorities but I am always receptive to feedback, insights, and ideas from anyone and everyone. I'm excited to learn and grow with you all in this role :)