

**Noah Nguyen Hough Statement of Objectives,
Candidate for GPSS Vice President of Administration, 2024 – 2025**

Having immersed myself in the academic environments of both Bothell and Seattle campuses at the University of Washington, I have gained a profound awareness of the cultural nuances unique to each campus, particularly as an international student. This experience prompted me to actively engage with and advocate for the needs of the student population at UW. My involvement as an executive senator, office manager, and committee member at GPSS, where I have fostered a supportive environment and advocated for graduate and professional students for the past year, motivates my candidacy for the Vice President of Administration position for the 2024–2025 academic year.

My commitment to serving the student population as the Vice President of Administration is reflected in the following planned objectives. These objectives are built upon the foundation laid by previous officers and aim to further enhance the services and support provided to our student community.

Community Outreach and Recruitment: GPSS currently lacks representation from certain departments at the Seattle Campus, and our activities remain largely unknown at the Bothell and Tacoma campuses. I aim to maintain our current memberships while enhancing involvement from these campuses and diversifying representation from various graduate student organizations. As a UW Bothell alumnus, I seek to leverage my connections to increase participation from my alma mater. Additionally, I intend to represent GPSS at events beyond orientations, including information sessions for prospective graduate and professional students.

Website and Records Maintenance: During the April 17th Senate meeting, a prominent topic of discussion was the need for website development within GPSS, citing concerns such as outdated information and a lack of user-friendliness. As someone who has addressed similar issues in my role as an office manager, I possess a deep understanding of the website's structure and its shortcomings. If elected as Vice President of Administration, I am committed to improving the website. Leveraging my background in Computer Science and Software Engineering, I am prepared to lead this initiative, possibly with the assistance of a website developer, to enhance the browsing experience for all users. Additionally,

I am well-versed in the GPSS Archive and its documentation storage processes. I intend to maintain and organize these records effectively, ensuring they remain accessible and well-maintained.

Interdisciplinary Committee Activities: As a member of the Arts Council, I plan to organize engaging activities for the GPSS Book Club and Knitting and Crocheting Circle, which I oversee, as well as continue events such as Crafts & Complain. I aim to foster intellectual exchange and artistic expression within our community by cultivating ideas for other arts-related activities. Additionally, I intend to collaborate with organizations such as CIRCL to establish a social circle for international students, promoting cultural exchange and building a supportive network. Furthermore, I plan to continue my appointment in the Tri-campus Faculty Council, to advocate for graduate students' voices and contribute to campus-wide discussions. Lastly, I aim to assist other officers in organizing diversity events, such as our recent Cultural Showcase, to further enhance inclusivity within GPSS.

Support and Guidance for GPSS Officers, Staff, and Senators: I intend to utilize my experience as an office manager at GPSS to foster a productive and comfortable workplace environment for our team of officers and staff by maintaining an organized office space that meets their needs. Furthermore, I aim to act as a dependable point of contact for our senators, offering them information and materials to deepen their understanding and engagement with GPSS. This entails explaining parliamentary procedures, updating and disseminating the Senator Handbook, providing one-on-one support, aiding with bylaws and resolutions, offering meeting assistance, and facilitating internal events and activities.

With a diverse educational background and a proven record of active engagement in student service roles and GPSS leadership, my agenda reflects a steadfast commitment to fulfilling the responsibilities of the VP of Administration at GPSS. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I am eager to serve and support our community in the upcoming term.