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President

I am a PhD candidate in Curriculum Studies with more than 6 years prior background in university administration and negotiations. With this experience and as the current GSS VPUAA, I secured 100,000CAD from UBC towards GSS initiatives which include GSS baby hamper project, subsidy to Acadia food hub, and food pantry. I also supported the advocacy for securing the 62,000CAD GSS Meal Subsidy fund as Rep on Food Security Initiative Advisory Committee. As member of Student Affordability Taskforce, I supported in the acquisition of the new 1,500 bed spaces from provincial housing fund to UBC, pushed advocacies on yearly housing bursaries for all graduate students, tuition wavier/reduction for ALL graduate students who no longer offer courses, and Guaranteed Tuition for every graduate student. These advocacies are in working progress. As member of GPS Graduate Council Committee and GPS Academic Policy committee, I successfully pushed improvement of various policies to support peers.

In our last meeting with UBC President, I reinforced my advocacy for improved graduate funding which should be captured in UBC Strategic Plan Refresh. Other committees I have served include UBC Ombuds committee, Academic Integrity committee, Associate Deans committee, Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund committee, Learning Spaces committee, Community and Campus Planning committee, UBC Killam Professor committee, among others. As VPUAA, I recruited more than 5 work-learns and supervised more than 7 work-learns in my department, served as Chair of Graduate Council Caucus, supervised GSS Advocacy with support for peers having personal and group advocacies along with the advocacy coordinators, enacted many inclusive provisions in academic and university policies that were reviewed.

I have served as Curriculum and Pedagogy Peer Advisor, UBC Writing Consultant, Project Coordinator at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) who collaborated with directors of health authorities under VCH, VGH, and UBCH. These experiences have robustly grounded me with crucial insights for efficient negotiations for international and domestic students as UBC-GSS President. Part of my mandate apart from securing improved funding, is to enhance healthcare coverage, collaborate with Minister of post-secondary education to seek for provincial housing bursary for peers, initiate job placements for

graduating peers in collaboration with UBC, external organizations and Ministry of Post-Secondary education.

My Recent Hallmarks of Progress at GSS-UBC within past 9 months

- Secured 90,000cad from UBC for GSS Food Pantry, Acadia Food hub support and GSS Baby and Toddler Hampers Supplies.
- Resuscitated GSS Baby Hampers Project.
- As VPAAA in collaboration with my work-learn staff and GPS, I secured 2 competitive grants from UBC to a total tone of 10,000cad.
- Initiated Research Mingling event.
- Initiated Graduate Human Library project.
- Initiated EDI training for GSS Staff, Councillors, Committee members and Chairs.
- Initiated Mindfulness and Self-Compassion Retreat.
- Advocacy for student support in all policies reviewed at G+PS and other UBC committees.
- Advocacy for graduate student needs at different UBC committees.
- Supervised development of training package on effective supervisory communications for graduate students.
- Supervised successful launch of GSS 2024/2025 Student Satisfaction Survey.

Vote me for productivity, community-building and servant-leadership!