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My name is Nancy Kansal and I am a PhD Student in Computing and Software Department. I would like to nominate myself for the open position of GSA VP Internal. I have worked as an Assistant Professor from Dec 2020 to Dec 2022 and a sessional instructor Summer 2024 to give lectures to students and solve their queries related to course during office hours. Getting in touch with the students always makes me feel happy and solving their problems whether related to academics or career has always been part of my tenure in the organization. I have gained much experience in how to talk to students and help them overcome the difficulties in a more proper way. This opportunity for me is like a way to contribute to the society of new students who need more academic and life support on arrival and am excited about it, as it would allow me to be more professional in terms of representing the concerns and interest of students before management or academic bodies.



If I talk about my action plans after getting this role, I would say the first and foremost things that should be considerable for the students is to improve the student-supervisor relationship that can be done by, giving the students the clear picture of what they will be doing in their first term and how much work they have to do before graduation to guarantee their graduation on time. We can plan for the workshops for telling the students, about the number of papers and journals for publication, in collaboration with their supervisors. Moreover, other necessary workshops on Health Insurance, Bus Pass, Academic research/writing, Academic and Research Integrity, Plagiarism in Assignments which new students are unaware about, those who admit in the term other than the orientation one, can also be conducted. Apart from these, new students can be also made aware about the pricing for the accommodation inside the resident buildings and awareness about the food and price of hospitality service would be a bonus for them. I also feel that students can also be made aware about various club activities that has to be organized in upcoming week on weekly or biweekly basis because I feel that most of the students don't get the information regarding the same. We can hold necessary workshop for new students on McMaster work program that gives the students the opportunity to work on campus year-round.

I am really excited and feel a best fit for this role.

Thanks

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