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My name is **Rishav Jaiswal**, and I am a PhD candidate in Civil Engineering at McMaster University. I am excited to nominate myself for the position of **Vice President (VP) Administration** of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). With my strong academic background, leadership experience, and financial management skills, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to GSA's operations.



Throughout my academic journey, I have taken on leadership roles, including serving as the **Graduate Representative on McMaster's Board of Governors** and **Vice President of Academics for the Civil Engineering Graduate Society**. These roles have provided me with experience in financial oversight, policy discussions, and student advocacy, all of which are essential for the VP Administration role.

If elected, my **key priorities** would include:

- **Financial Transparency & Accountability:** Ensuring that all financial transactions of the GSA are well-documented, transparent, and aligned with student interests.
- **Budget Oversight & Strategic Planning:** Monitoring the financial health of the GSA, ensuring efficient allocation of resources, and working with stakeholders to optimize financial planning.
- **Enhancing Student Opportunities:** Collaborating with the VP External to improve the administration of student funding programs such as the Development Fund, Millennium Award Fund, and Student Opportunity Fund.
- **Strengthening GSA Operations:** Overseeing financial reporting, working closely with the Phoenix bar & restaurant management, and ensuring the proper maintenance of GSA properties.

My experience in **budget planning, financial management, and administrative leadership** makes me a strong candidate for this role. I am eager to serve the graduate student community by ensuring the GSA operates smoothly, efficiently, and in the best interests of students.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the GSA and advocate for students in this important leadership position.

Thank you for your support.

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