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As a dedicated advocate for student well-being and financial accessibility, I am excited to run for the role of Vice-President Administration in the Graduate Student Association (GSA). My experience in student advocacy, particularly in bringing the heavily discounted bike share pass to McMaster, demonstrates my commitment to tangible, student-focused improvements. I am currently working on expanding this initiative to include graduate students, ensuring greater access to affordable and sustainable transportation.



If elected, my primary goals will be:

1. **Expanding Conference Funding** – I will work to increase the amount of funding available for conference attendance, helping graduate students share their research, network with experts, and advance their careers without financial barriers.
2. **Increasing Community-Building Initiatives** – A strong graduate community is essential for well-being and success. I will advocate for greater funding to support events and initiatives that bring graduate students together, fostering a sense of belonging and collaboration.
3. **Enhancing Financial Transparency & Employment Opportunities** – The GSA budget should work for students. I will ensure financial transparency in decision-making and actively explore ways for GSA-affiliated businesses, such as The Phoenix, to provide more employment opportunities for graduate students.

With a strong foundation in financial oversight, student advocacy, and administrative leadership, I am ready to ensure that GSA funds are managed effectively and in a way that directly benefits students. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your VP Administration and make a meaningful impact on our graduate community.