I am asking for your support as I run for a second term as the Graduate Students’ Society Director of Communications.

I came into the role midterm, and working alongside the other executives and my fabulous Communications Committee we have achieved a lot in a short space of time. The Committee has sought to implement ideas that I hope will have legacy within the work that the GSS do, and serve our members in the best way possible.

Some highlights so far:

- Created a detailed proposal for the rebranding of the GSS, and redevelopment of the website. This process is ongoing, in February we meet with prospective developers and by March we will be in a position to appoint someone and the project will commence
- Improvements to all aspect of internal communications, including the social media channels, which have seen a significant increase in engagement since September
- Established a working group that will discuss the GSS role in the 2017 BC Elections - this includes advocacy for graduate students in areas such as housing and increased provincial funding.

I say so far, because I think we can do a lot more. Should I be elected, I think the next move for the role of Director of Communications should be to increase the on-campus voice of the GSS. At the moment, the UVSS are very visible across campus, but I don’t think the same can be said for the GSS. I plan to build projects into the 2017-2018 strategic plan that will increase the visibility of graduate students across campus and better reflect our diverse, vibrant, intellectual community.

Other potential projects include increased support of our students who are making a real impact on campus, including those involved in various mental health initiatives and child-care advocacy issues.

Ok, I’m done. It would be an honor for me to continue to represent you all, and ask for your vote.

Danny