GSS Election Statement

Service to my community has always been important to me. As an active member, I volunteer my time in activities from weekly meal delivery to those in need, to running an online LGBTQ+ peer support group. Having a positive influence on those around me drives my involvement with the community.

Through my Master’s Degree, I sat as Chair of the Student Union and Events Coordinator. Actively involving the student body in volunteer work, fundraisers, and social events allowed me to connect with my colleagues and form lasting friendships. In my years at UVic as a PhD student, I hope to have a meaningful impact on the graduate student body.

Currently, I am the Graduate Representative Council Member for the Geography Department, working directly with the GSS on a number of committees. My work with the Student Affairs committee has focused on food accessibility and lobbying for all grad students to have workspaces available on campus. As a member of the Events Committee, I organized the virtual movie night and look forward to coordinating in-person events soon. Sitting on the Social Sciences Equity and Diversity Faculty Committee is of importance to me to ensure that practices and support for all students are a priority on campus and for distance learning.

As we emerge from the pandemic, I hope to be active in recovering the sense of community that has faded with virtual school. Creating events that bring together grad students from across faculties to facilitate collaboration, friendship, and academic cohesion on campus is an important part of the graduate student life experience. As the Director of Services, I will prioritize place-making initiatives to encourage unity and belonging.