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Candidate for Vice President of Internal Affairs

Hi! I am a fourth year graduate student in Applied Mathematics and I am running for the position of Vice President of Internal Affairs! This past year I have been the secretary of the GSG, and I am proud of the work the Graduate Student body as a whole has done. I helped coordinate the efforts of the call-a-thon event as well as the writing of letters to the senators to ask them to keep tuition waivers tax-free. In the end, that provision was kept and I like to think that we played a part in it. I have also been involved in the OIT Advisory Board, and thanks to the work of graduate students as well as the OIT people, we have managed to start migrating our @princeton.edu accounts to Gmail and are working on ways to keep receiving e-mails addressed to our @princeton.edu account after graduation.

As secretary for the GSG this year, I have done my best to keep track of all the different projects and committees the GSG is working on, and I have realized that it is difficult to keep continuity of these very important projects as students come and go. Furthermore, I have seen how much graduate students care about life in Princeton and I think we get involved in as many things as we can (sometimes too many!). However, sometimes it is difficult to follow through with the commitment and go from short-term initiatives to long-term projects.

These observations set my goals as VP of Internal Affairs. If you let me, my objectives will be threefold:
1. Streamline projects’ and committees’ housekeeping so that we can guarantee continuity between different GSG terms and GS turnover.
2. Find out ways in which graduate students who have engaged in short-term initiatives can explore these initiatives further and turn them, if adequate, into long-term projects.
3. Finally, graduate students are already pushing for changes and improvements in their own departments. I see groups in each department that are creating a great experience out of graduate programs. I would like to gather information about these groups and coordinate them and other departments that may not be equally active.

I think this new position opens possibilities to make the work we do in GSG more focused. I hope I'll have your trust in defining what is the best way to achieve these goals. Thank you for your vote!