

Emily Cuddy: GSG Exec – Treasurer



My name is Emily Cuddy, and I am a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate in the Economics department. This year, I am excited to be running for re-election as Treasurer.

Over the past year, I successfully managed the GSG's \$50,000 budget and disbursed over \$19,000 to graduate student groups on the Events Board. My priority with the budget was conducting a full audit of the five previous fiscal years. In doing so, I identified nearly \$15,000 dollars in unused funds, which I used not only to expand the GSG's social, academic affairs, and health budgets for the upcoming year but also to make a large contribution to the GSG's own endowment account. My priority with Events Board was to make it easier for student groups to apply for and to receive funding. I resurrected the Events Board email account, overhauled our section of the GSG website, and collaborated with the Graduate

School to improve the reimbursement process so that student groups received money as quickly as possible. Moreover, I recruited current graduate students to serve on the Board, ensuring that there was broader representation of student views on funding decisions.

If reelected as GSG Treasurer next year, I plan to pursue several new projects. First, I will work jointly with the GSG and the Graduate School on expanding funding opportunities for student groups. Many student groups on campus have no consistent funding source beyond the Events Board, which limits their ability to organize regular group activities. Second, working in cooperation with Ryan Herbert—one of the student representatives on Events Board, I will promote sustainability. In particular, I will provide student groups with the necessary resources—both informational and financial—to plan more environmentally-friendly events. Finally, I will advocate for an adjustment in the GSG fiscal year from November-October to July-June so that it coincides with the Graduate School fiscal year, thereby preventing future budgeting mistakes and improving coordination of funding initiatives with the administration.

Thank you for your consideration.