GSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE (GSA NoC)
GSA APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS BOARD (GSA ACB) (1 POSITION FOR A GRADUATE STUDENT):
1 NOMINEE

Information regarding the position for two (2) GSA Council members was circulated on two instances via email to GSA Council with a deadline of October 18, 2017. No nominations were received, so these vacancies will be advertised again. The one (1) position for a graduate student was advertised at least twice starting with the September 29, 2017 GSA newsletter with a nomination deadline of October 17, 2017. One (1) nomination was received. The nominee was then interviewed by GSA NoC Chair Radim Barta and GSA NoC Vice-Chair Kenzie Gordon, both of whom have been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and have a record of demonstrating impartiality through their work on the GSA NoC. GSA Assistant Director Lisa Hareuther was also present. During the interview, the nominee was asked a series of questions aimed at assessing his awareness of the basic tenets of procedural fairness and his ability to adjudicate potential cases in accord with those tenets (note as well that all individuals elected to the GSA ACB receive training in procedural fairness).

There will be a paper ballot vote held at the October 23, 2017 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the October 23, 2017 meeting of GSA Council and would like to cast an electronic vote for this position, you must contact the GSA Nominating Committee Coordinator (gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca) BEFORE 3:00 PM on Monday October 23, 2017, in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

GSA ACB Election by GSA Council: GSA Nominating Committee Procedures

Nominees for this position are listed in alphabetical order by last name and will be presented in reverse alphabetical order on the ballot.

1. Gautam Gaur (Agricultural, Food, and Nutritional Sciences)

The Ballot
- There will be one ballot with candidates listed in reverse alphabetical order.
- For each candidate, there will be a “yes” box and a “no” box.

Voting
- The voter ticks one box per candidate, or abstains by not voting for a particular candidate (both boxes are left empty).

Counting
- If a candidate has more “no” votes than “yes” votes, the candidate is eliminated.
- If after the elimination round, there are fewer candidate(s) or an equal number of candidates as there are positions, the candidate(s) with at least one “yes” vote is/are successful.
- If after the elimination round, there are more candidates than positions, the candidates with the highest number of “yes” votes, equivalent to the number of positions, are the successful candidates.
- If, after the elimination round, there is a tie for last place in the number of “yes” votes, the candidate with the fewest number of “no” votes is successful. If the tied vote has the same number of both “yes” and “no” votes, the Speaker will draw one (1) name from a hat.

Jurisdiction:

Section H: Performance, Conduct, Responsibilities, and Attendance, and the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, Section H.POL.8.1.a “Eight (8) graduate students elected by GSA Council as voting members.”

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The name and biography received for the one (1) nominee is BELOW on pages 8.1 - 8.2. Biographies and brief resumes are presented as received (ie not edited).

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Nomination for GSA ACB (1 Vacancy for a Graduate Student)
One (1) Nominee

1. Gautam Gaur

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<th>Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta)</th>
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Statement of Interest

My work in the club VIT Spartans during my undergrad made me realize, the need for a system in which suggestions or complaints regarding how people in authority work in club is necessary, to increase our efficiency and create a healthy work culture. Hence, when elected as the Vice President/Advisory head of the club, I amended the bylaws for election and training of a body for the same, chaired by me for the first year. My experience of serving in the Events and Culturals committee in Riviera 2015 [Cultural Fest of VIT University] where we were responsible for making sure coordinators of over 100 events are not doing any unethical activity, as well as listening to complains of participants in the festival against any organizing member or event coordinator, further enhanced my skill palette and made me more a competent individual to serve on this committee.

Bio

I was born and raised in Indore, India. I travelled more than 1400 km to a culturally diverse, but completely different province, to get my bachelor’s degree in engineering specializing in biotechnology at VIT University, Vellore, India. After leading an introverted life till high school, I decided to socialize, learn and participate as much as I can to grow as an individual. I worked for technical and cultural festival of my university, as a scriptwriter and radio jockey for university community radio, as a director and video jockey for the film division of my club VIT Spartans, volunteered for teaching sports to students at local orphanage among other activities. I really enjoy playing soccer and watching movies. Here at U of A, I haven’t done any extra-curricular work since joining, as was first interested in experiencing the diverse culture and getting settled, but looking forward to serve now and grow further.

Summary Resume

I am a second year Masters student in the department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences, studying the phenolic acid metabolism in lactic acid bacteria. I am planning to transfer to the PhD program within this year. In final year of my undergrad, I was awarded Mitacs Globalink Research Intern Award, which funded me to travel to Canada for a research internship, which I did at University of Guelph, Ontario. While
working in VIT Spartans, we organized very diverse events ranging from technical conferences to comic convention, to marathons and races for a social causes, exposing me to a wide range of challenges, situations and experiences. I was also the founding member of an NPO called S.A.Y (Spartans Association of Youth) and Director of Human resources during last year of my undergrad, which automatically made me responsible for structuring a feedback and complain system for the body.