Information regarding the positions for two (2) graduate students was circulated on two instances via the GSA newsletter in advance of the nomination deadline of January 16, 2018. Two (2) nominations were received. The nominees were then interviewed by GSA NoC Chair Radim Barta, who has been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and has a record of demonstrating impartiality through his work on the GSA NoC. GSA Associate Director Julie Tanguay or GSA Assistant Director Lisa Hareuther were also present for each interview. During the respective interviews, the nominees were asked a series of questions aimed at assessing their awareness of the basic tenets of procedural fairness and their 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 January 22, 2018 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the January 22, 2018, 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 January 22, 2018, in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

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**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. Yasmeen Jaafar (Joint JD/MBA)
2. Sparsh Patel (Pediatrics)

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.

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**Jurisdiction:**

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The names and biographies received for the two (2) nominees are **BELOW on pages 8.3 - 8.6.** Biographies and brief resumes are presented as received (ie not edited).
Nominations for GSA ACB (2 Vacancies for Graduate Students)  
Two (2) Nominees

1. Yasmine Jaafar

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**Statement of Interest**

I have completed two years of law school at the UofA, and am currently completing my MBA portion of my joint JD/MBA. In those two years of law school, I studied constitutional law, human rights law and importantly, administrative law. I received an A- in administrative law, and this area is one of my main interests. Serving on the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board will allow me to make use of my knowledge of administrative law in a practical setting, and to also contribute to the UofA community. The Board will benefit from having a law student as a member, and one who is familiar with administrative law.

My past experiences largely include positions within the public sector. I worked as a Research Assistant at the Law School from 2016-2017 for Prof. Ubaka, where I completed research for public policy briefing notes on the amendment of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act. This position required that I approach the legal issues at hand from an impartial perspective, since the public's best interest is what informed my research.

I worked at the City of Edmonton (as employee of the UofA) this past summer as a Sustainability Scholar where I conducted a review of the public food vending regulatory framework in Edmonton. I was required to put forward recommendations for the City on how to improve its public food vending regulatory framework. Producing a quality report necessitated that I approach the legal and policy issues at hand with the public's best interests in mind. Therefore, I had to complete my research impartially. This summer, I will be serving as a Summer Law Student for Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. I have a strong interest in serving the public good, and volunteering on the GSA Board will allow me to continue to serve the Edmonton and UofA community.

The study of law itself requires that we approach our work impartially. I also have an undergraduate degree in Philosophy, from UofT, where I was trained to approach arguments from a neutral standpoint. We practiced arguing both sides on all issues we explored. This requires impartiality. Therefore, I have been trained in both my undergraduate degree and in law school to reserve judgments until all of the evidence has been heard, to consider both sides of an argument, and to view issues impartially, characteristics which are essential for a member serving the GSA Complaints and
### Appeals Board.

### Bio

I am completing a JD/MBA combined degree, and seek to become a lawyer for the government once I graduate. My undergraduate degree is in Philosophy, where I focused on bioethics, logic (deductive and inductive), political philosophy, and ethics/morality. I have completed the bulk of my law degree, having taken almost all of my requireds, and taking electives pertaining to the practice of law within the public sector. I am now doing my MBA, specializing in Sustainability.

I enjoy involving myself in the community and try to volunteer as much as I can. I am currently a member of the MBAA Leadership Forum Committee. Last year, I volunteered as an Upper Year Mentor at the law school, and the year prior, I volunteered providing pro bono legal services, while volunteering to organize civic events for the community.

I commit myself to an active lifestyle, try to travel as much as I can, cook regularly, read and write, and enjoy meeting new people.

### Summary Resume

**Academic:** I have a Philosophy Specialist degree from UofT, Trinity College. This pertains to this position because it has trained me to think analytically and to approach arguments from an impartial perspective. 80% of my Juris Doctor at the UofA Law School has been completed. This pertains to this position, as volunteering for the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board is a position that requires the member to understand the University's duty to procedural fairness. I have completed a course on administrative law and therefore have a legal background in issues respecting University administrative proceedings. I am currently doing my MBA, which has allowed me to practice teamwork skills, leadership and interpersonal skills. At the same time, I am specializing in Sustainability, indicating my passion for human-centric issues. The Board will enjoy having a law student on its team, while also representing the Business Faculty.

**Professional:** Prior to law school, I interned at a law firm and gained experience working on wrongful dismissal cases. These cases involved clients who had just been fired, and I was required to regularly interview difficult clients. I practiced my people skills, empathy, and ability to represent the rights of our clients despite their personal history. In other words, I practiced representing our clients impartially. During law school, I worked as a Research Assistant at the Law School, I worked as a Sustainability Scholar for the City of Edmonton/University of Alberta, and I will be working as a Summer Law Student this coming summer for Alberta Justice and Solicitor General (Legal Services Division). My legal background and experience representing the public interest will bring
a different and valuable perspective to the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board.

Volunteer work: During my undergraduate degree, I volunteered for the Canadian Peace Alliance as a Researcher, and for the YMCA (Business Section) providing guidance to unemployed individuals seeking to become entrepreneurs. During Law School, I have since volunteered as Civil Law Caseworker (September 2016-April 2017), where I assisted low-income clients by providing them with legal information. I have also volunteered for the Harbourfront Centre as an Event Organizer, an Upper-Year Mentor for the Law Students Association Mentorship Program, and currently, as a Committee Member for the MBA Association Leadership Forum Committee.

Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to hearing from you soon.
2. Sparsh Patel

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I have always been able to step out of my personal opinion on a situation and consider all possible outlooks in a situation before making any assumptions or criticism. I have been part of Heart and Stroke Foundation Student's Association (HSFSA) as vice president of the advocacy division, where I have been involved in mediating disagreements between club members regarding execution of club activities. The nature of my position exposed me to many situations involving differences of opinion and I believe I handled these situations impartially after considering both sides of the argument. I believe my innate nature, which prompts me to find out all the information I can before forming an opinion is a perfect fit for this position.

Bio

I was born in the western part of India where I spent the first 10 years of my life, and moved to Canada in 2005. I am fluent Hindi, Gujarati as well as English. I finished my undergrad at the UofA in Biological Sciences. I am currently in the MSc program in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry department of Pediatrics. Throughout my undergrad I enjoyed holding multiple positions in HSFSA as a general member up to VP advocacy, as well as volunteering at the Canadian Blood Services. As a Master's student I am actively involved in the local temple on the weekends, and am also member of UofA squash club.

Summary Resume

I am a first year master's student in the department of pediatrics studying neonatal resuscitation techniques in Dr. Schmolzer’s lab. I have recently been awarded the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry/Alberta Health Services Graduate Student Recruitment Studentship (GSRS). Prior to starting my MSc program, I also worked with CRISPR genome editing techniques as an undergrad research project. I do not have scheduled classes to attend therefore I am extremely flexible with my time, and able to dedicate substantial amount of time to the committee.