

Officer Candidate Nomination Form 2008-2009

This form is to be completed by the candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee Chair, Emily Spahn, at spahn@u.washington.edu by April 28.

1. Danielle Magnusson

2. English

3. I am currently a registered student (Yes or No): Yes

4. I expect to continue to be a graduate or professional student during the 2008-2009 academic year (Fall, Winter & Spring Quarters) (Yes or No): Yes

5. My expected date of graduation is: June 2011

6. I am running for (may only run for one):
o Treasurer

7. I have attended at least three (3) GPSS Senate or standing committee meetings prior to the Elections Meeting during the 2007-2008 academic year. These include Senate, Executive Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, Judicial Committee, or Legislative Steering Committee. Three meetings I have attended are:

Meeting name and date of meeting:

- Senate Meeting April 9th
- F&B Meeting April 18th
- Senate Meeting April 23rd

8. I am able to work for GPSS 19.5 hours per week during the 2008-2009 academic year including 10 hours per week (4 for President) in the office between the standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (Yes or No): Yes

Statement of Objectives

Through my experience with GPSS as Executive Assistant to the President, I have learned that the Treasurer does much more than just hold the purse strings. The position provides a fellow student who understands and appreciates the needs and concerns of fellow graduate and professional students, and can provide immediate resources and direct support. A university is not simply a place of higher learning, but also a community with diverse as well as common interests. Whether it is through funding cultural events planned by student organizations, social events for graduate or professional students, or academic student conferences, the Treasurer plays an invaluable role in promoting the graduate and professional student community at the University of Washington.

As Treasurer I hope to continue the tradition of successfully planning events that benefit graduate and professional students campus-wide. I aim to continue the work of the current administration in the areas of childcare, mental health, and campus safety. As the President's assistant, I am already familiar with policy research concerning these initiatives. During this year, I have made connections across campus with University administration, and I plan to use these connections as Treasurer to further GPSS initiatives and to raise money for programming. Thanks to my current position with GPSS, I have a thorough knowledge of the daily workings and mission of both GPSS and the Treasurer's office.

I have the experience and institutional knowledge you are looking for in a GPSS Treasurer. I look forward to serving you next year.

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EDUCATION

M.A. English Literature—Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, 2007.

B.A. English Literature—Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 2005.

EXPERIENCE

Executive Assistant to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate.

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2007-2008.

- Worked in program administration utilizing Microsoft Office, internet, and Adobe Suite.
- Was assigned special projects by the President, including research, letter writing, and the drafting of proposals.
- Worked to coordinate GPSS events, including scheduling rooms, program planning, and personnel organization.
- Maintained schedule for GPSS President.
- Managed daily operations for the President's office.
- Helped organize all Senate meetings.

English Department Teaching Assistant

Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, 2005-2007

- Was awarded a competitive Teaching Assistantship for two years.
- Instructed ten courses in composition, technical writing, and literature.
- Entirely responsible for course design, implementation, and student evaluation.
- Advised students regarding course selection, study skills, and career development.
- Delivered presentations to incoming instructors on class management and on new technologies in the classroom.

Departmental Assistant / Academic Writing Tutor.

Rutgers University, English Department, Camden, NJ, 2005-2007.

- Successfully campaigned to increase student use of Rutgers' Learning Resource Center (a campus tutoring program) through in-class presentations, posters, flyers, and instructor incentives.
- Developed syllabi, coursework, and selected textbooks for Rutgers' highly regarded first year writing program.
- Coordinated and promoted awareness for an ESL tutoring program.

- Co-chaired Walt Whitman Poetry Forum, which selected award-winning poems from area high school students.

First-year Interest Group Program Leader—Humanities Focus.

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 2003-2005.

- Helped to organize and manage Freshman Interest Group Program, a program designed to increase student retention rates.
- Worked closely with university administration to strengthen the existing program, increase funding, and to boost student benefits.
- Enlisted as an academic advisor and as a student counselor.
- As a student facilitator, enhanced communication pathways between university administrators and incoming students.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UW Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee, Member, 2008.

UW Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy, Member, 2008.

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association Twenty-First Annual Poetry Contest, Organizer, 2007.

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