

Cover Letter – Position of Cabinet Director

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I am Khyathi Gadag Venkataramana, a 3rd year Ph.D. student from the Health Management and Policy department, College of Public Health. I am applying for the position of Cabinet Director at GPSG with a vision to serve the students at the University of Iowa and providing my best possible support to the leadership team and the directors serving at GPSG. Given my passion to work for the wellbeing of the university students, I find GPSG as an excellent platform to advocate for students and a unique opportunity to transfer my thoughts into actions. With a strong vision, set goals, and teamwork, I believe that there is immense scope for improving and sustaining various areas related to health, diversity equity and inclusion (DEI), communications, government relations, and so on.

I have been working with multiple student organizations since 2021. During this time I served leadership positions which involved guiding and supporting student members/ teams that worked in different areas of student advocacy, relationship building between student and university employees, and sounding boards that provides recommendation to assist university departments. During my role as the Chair of International Student Advisory Board (ISAB), and as the Mental Health Director at GPSG for the term 2022 - 2023, I explored by capabilities as a team leader and successfully accomplished the planned vision and goals with the support of my team members. As I apply to the position of the Cabinet Director, I realize the importance of serving as a principle advisor to the President and ensuring that tasks and projects assigned to the Directors are completed efficiently and in a manner that best represents GPSG. I find myself capable of this role, given my previous leadership experiences at the university and at GPSG as a director. I apply to this position with a vision of providing my dedicated support to GPSG as it plans to deliver excellence and bring in meaningful changes to graduate and professional student experience and wellbeing.

I look forward to making this vision a reality, and I feel confident that this is an achievable vision with strong teamwork, passion, and dedication. Previously, the GPSG leadership and the cabinet director, have done commendable work, and I aim to keep the flame burning and simultaneously add my vision to it. I believe in being a team player, and a vision can become a reality only when the entire team believes in it and is ready to work towards it. As a part of my leadership, I aim to develop trusting team relationships, be open-minded to team ideas and improvisations, commit to work through adversities and motivate the team to do and achieve our best.

Thank you,

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