

Why am I interested in running for GPSG Finance Director?

I am interested in running for GPSG Finance Director because I enjoy having the ability to help important student initiatives and student organizations succeed by assisting them through the funding process. Helping to facilitate student ideas from inception to implementation is rewarding work that I enjoy doing.

I have prior experience in this area of student service from my time at Iowa State where I served as the Finance Director for the undergraduate Student Government. In this role I was the point person for 200+ organizations for anything funding related, managing \$2+ million Student Activity Fee dollars across 14 distinct accounts. I presided over the Finance Committee that dealt with yearly student organization allocations, department funding through contracts, as well as additional funding requests that came throughout the year. The Finance Committee also reviewed all of our funding priorities and rules each year to ensure the rules were conforming with what the Student Government Senate wanted, as well as reflecting our funding capabilities with decreased enrollment. In the role of Finance Director, I had to give updates to the Student Government Senate at weekly meetings with an accurate accounting of the funds available in the majority of the 14 distinct accounts. In this role, I personally made and managed a budget of \$100,000+ for the Student Government itself.

When I started at the University of Iowa College of Law this year, I wanted to continue serving students through the funding process. I have had the opportunity to be part of the GPSG Grants Committee as one of the scorers of graduate and professional student grant applications. This opportunity has been incredibly interesting getting to read the research of students, their stories, and learn more about the opportunities they are seeking funding for. I take the time in my comments to give each applicant areas that shined and areas that needed a little more polish, always wishing them the best of luck. I have enjoyed serving students through the funding process in the past, I appreciate the opportunity I have to serve UIowa graduate and professional students now, and I hope I have the opportunity to continue to serve UIowa graduate and professional students as the next GPSG Finance Director.