

## Personal Statement

The first time I was informed about GSG was at the COE orientation event. When I was explained about the role of VP, External affairs, the prospect of working with the people from various Universities and city organizations excited me. I like to learn from people all around me. We grow by taking the best from the people we admire. It means that the more we talk to people, the better we get. The same strategy works in terms of the role of VP, External affairs. I believe that all the Universities must get together regularly and learn from each other's strategies in order to get the best outcomes.

As a Senator in GSG, I have had the opportunity to know about the various initiatives and committees. I have been a part of Student affairs committee and the Gradesvous-'23 event. Being in the organizing committee of such events comes naturally to me as I have executed such responsibilities in my undergrad in National Institute of Technology, Nagpur. I am positive that I will have a lot to contribute to the External affairs committee. I want to spearhead various initiatives like:

- Getting an additional initiative to the over-crowded Red-eye system
- Periodic collaborative events with all the other prestigious institutions like MIT, Harvard, UMass, BU etc.
- Making the fresh intake of students more informed regarding all the facilities they have at their disposal with an integrated handbook, accessible from the NU student hub itself.
- Organizing groups for students to discuss common issues they face as they may not be comfortable enough to talk about some issues with the authorities yet.

There are many more such ideas in the pipeline, which are not fully developed yet. I believe that given the opportunity, I can collaborate with the Senate and the E-board to put my words into action. I believe in synergy more than collaboration. As a leader, one must know how to leverage the member's strengths and get a way around the weaknesses. This is the strategy that has helped me in my undergrad projects, Kabaddi competitions and my startup journey.

I have excellent interpersonal and communication skills which add to my leadership skills. My experience working for a startup has made sure that I juggle multiple tasks and successfully complete them. This places me in a position to follow through with my tasks and initiatives. If given the right push, the city officials can help us out in addressing various issues that the students face. We can collaborate with SGA and speak out in a unified voice.

To conclude, my motivation is to contribute meaningfully to the graduate student community through my initiatives and represent Northeastern University in the best possible light in all the events and meetings that I attend. I look forward to working with the Senate irrespective of the outcomes of the election.

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