

2011-2012 GSC Executive Officer Application

Name: Jennifer Miller

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Degree program (e.g., PhD in Agronomy): PhD in Sociology

Hours enrolled this semester: 6 Anticipated hours in Fall 2011: 9

Which officer position are you applying for?

- President-elect (two-year term)
 Secretary (one year term)
 Treasurer (one year term)

Candidate Statement:

(Write your statement of interest here. Include why you are interested in this position, what you hope to accomplish, and describe any leadership experience you have.)

I am interested in this position for several reasons. First and foremost, I would like the opportunity to become more involved in the Kansas State community and be a voice for the graduate students on campus. I feel it is important for graduate students to have a strong voice on campus. I believe having this voice on campus improves the graduate school and makes the graduate school more attractive to undergraduates who are considering graduate school at Kansas State. In addition, I feel having a strong graduate student leadership body impacts the campus as a whole. It sets an example for all students who seek to be leaders in school and life. Also, I am interested in this position because of what it will allow me to be a part of. Kansas State has a great graduate school and I would like to be involved in continuing this and promoting it throughout campus and across the nation. Another reason I am interested in this position is that it will help me to develop my leadership skills further and develop relationship and community building experience. Finally, I am interested in this position because I feel I have many new ideas and interests that are relevant to today's graduate student body. I feel I would be able to represent not only my graduate program but the graduate school at large in a way that is meaningful and helpful to students. One thing I would hope to accomplish is helping students transition from undergraduate to graduate students smoothly. I feel one great way to do this would be to offer panel discussions throughout the year for graduating seniors and new graduate students on various topics relevant to making this transition. I think topics of how class requirements change, the importance of academic achievement and integrity, relationship building with professor, etc. to name a few ideas. I feel this would not only assist those who are recent graduate students or even those considering graduate school but also those graduate students involved. I feel this would be very beneficial and would make a powerful statement about the graduate program at Kansas State. The other major thing I would hope to accomplish is community building amongst graduate students from all academic areas. I think it is important to provide graduate students with academic and social settings to get to together and get to know one another. It is a real possibility that other graduate students, not only those in your academic field, but out of it to, will someday be teaching at the same institution as you, serving on a committee with you, or being a co-worker. I feel community building opportunities are an important aspect that needs to be considered in more detail and I would seek to do this.

I have leadership experience from a variety of areas. First, I am currently serving as a graduate student senator for the spring 2011 term. Although I am new to it, I feel that it has been a very positive experience and further developed my leadership abilities. I have leadership experience in being a teaching assistant. I have lead class discussions and served as the "lead" teaching assistant in a class where there were three teaching assistants. I am also a youth leader at my church. Finally, I am currently working as a case manager at the health department and have developed leadership skills in this area too.

Requirements for the GSC executive officers are listed in the GSC constitution. Candidates must be in good academic standing and remain so throughout their term.

I have read the above requirements and am willing to meet all of these expectations during the tenure of my appointment.

Signature of applicant: Jennifer Miller Date: 3/11/11