

Claremont Graduate University • Graduate Student Council
Statement of Intention to Run for Executive Board Position

Rachel Tie – running for Vice-President

1. Why do you wish to run for this position? What are your goals and objectives?

I hope to be elected Vice President of the GSC so that I can continue the work that I have begun this past year. Broadly speaking, my objective is to increase community at CGU, and I plan to achieve this on several levels. Primarily, this means giving students a louder voice so that we can discern where exactly our efforts are needed. By allowing students to become an integral part of CGU, we can create a community in which everyone's needs are vouched for. My other primary goal is to increase student participation in school life by implementing more social activities and opportunities for collaboration. As the primary liaison between the student body and the GSC, the Vice President must be ultimately concerned with students' needs above all, and I will do this by focusing specifically on communication and community building.

2. How will your leadership in this position benefit the student body at CGU?

As a current council member, I have learned much of what it takes to be an effect leader on the GSC. My leadership qualities include follow-through, effective communication and organizational skills, and a fervent and genuine desire to see the CGU community flourish. Effective leadership requires the embodying of what we wish to see happen in our communities, and my record of participation in both my academic department and the CGU community at large attest to an unyielding persistence in seeing this happen. Additionally, being a member of the executive board requires teamwork of the highest degree. This means working in close collaboration with other council members as well as seeing that our action items are consistently and effectively carried out. As a project-oriented person, my leadership abilities include being able to participate actively and consistently, as well as to oversee the implementation and execution of council items.

3. What skills or abilities qualify you for this position?

My previous involvement on the student council has fortified me with the experience necessary to understand what we need to focus on, and how to achieve our goals. One skill I possess to achieve these ends is the ability to organize events, including planning, outreach, and execution.