

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

**Shanna Livermore – running for Secretary**

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

My ultimate goal in this position is to demonstrate my devotion to the well-being of the student body by serving as a community leader. Beyond this, my specific goals are to initiate activities of benefit to my fellow students, gain a global view of the inner workings of the university, interrelate with the faculty in a professional capacity, and gain additional experience as a leader. As an active learner, I gravitate towards environments where I can continuously challenge myself. I believe the GSC is such an environment.

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

Through planning, advocacy, information dissemination, community building I will help facilitate and promote the transition from graduate student to professional researcher and/or practitioner by providing opportunities within CGU for growth, development and advancement. In addition, I seek to help graduate students navigate the obstacles, rewards, challenges, and support networks of academic life and uphold CGU's standard of a high quality of student life. Specifically, I hope to focus on relationship building, in the spirit of transdisciplinary work, with students who are underrepresented on the GSC. Further, I will carry out the mission of the GSC by documenting concerns brought to the GSC and ensuring each concern has been addressed by the council. I feel that keeping the students fully informed of events and issues directly affecting the CGU student body and providing an outlet for them to voice their ideas, requests and concerns is of utmost importance. Moreover, I will be able to contribute to the GSC through supporting the other student council leaders, which, in turn, further aids the students of CGU.

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

My experience has included serving as treasurer at a non-profit organization and as vice president of the student council at my undergraduate institution. As such, I am able to clearly articulate ideas and quickly summarize conversations into succinct bullet points or paragraphs. I am detail oriented and highly organized. I am able to disseminate information quickly and am known for my accuracy. Moreover, I have extensive project management experience.