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Position Statement

I, Mehmet E. Yaya, do seek the position of President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at the Academic Year 2007-2008. As a president of Graduate Student Association, I will try to move the association forward in a direction that will serve graduate students' of the University of Alabama needs better. In our 10th Graduate Research and Thesis Conference, this team accomplished to provide an astonishing environment for graduate students to showcase their research and I am proud to lead and be part of this effort. Employing my last year's experience on the executive board, I will strive to accomplish the following goals:

1. Making sure that the transition from previous year's executive board to this year's as smooth as possible. While doing this, passing all possible experience of last year to this year's board.
2. Graduate Student Association is rather an established organization serving the graduate students at the University of Alabama for more than 20 years nevertheless reaching a small percent of all graduate students studying at the university. By opening the communication channels to all graduate students and promoting the organization, it will be my goal to reach 30% of graduate students immediately, 40% by the end of the 2008 academic year.

3. It is also my and my board's goal to convey the functions of the Graduate Student Association to all graduate students of the University of Alabama:
 - a. The only graduate student social, First Fridays;
 - b. the only graduate student conference, 11th Graduate Student Association Research and Thesis Conference;
 - c. Research and Travel Funds up to \$500 available to all graduate students.

It is my pleasure that I, Mehmet E. Yaya, announce my candidacy for the position of President of the Graduate Student Association for the academic year 2007-2008. I believe that I am capable of serving in this role and look forward to the opportunity to seek for the solid goals listed above with you should the graduate student community select me as GSA President.

VICE PRESIDENT

ASHLEY CARROLL

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Position Statement:

I am running for the position of Vice President of the GSA. This past semester I had the pleasure of serving as VP of the GSA. In this position, I helped the Graduate Research conference chair at the Graduate Research Conference. I also served as the GSA representative on the Last Lecture Series Committee. I am currently playing a role in organizing the GSA banquet, both as the VP of GSA and as the current President of AEL (Graduate Honor Society). Next year, the role of the VP will not only serve as a liason on several committees, but as the coordinator of educational programming for the GSA and as an avid fundraiser. Through my experience in my graduate assistantship at the Center for Ethics, I have learned much about what it takes to raise money in the non-profit world and for university programming. I hope to bring these skills to the organize programs and events for the Graduate School. I would be honored to serve as your Vice President, and to organize events and programming that fits your needs as graduate students.

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BECKY REAMEY

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To my fellow graduate students:

I am running for the office of Travel and Research for the 2007-2008 year. In August, I joined the staff in the Office of Student Affairs as a graduate assistant working with Graduate Student Services. When I took the position I had no idea what all Graduate Student Services offered or even what graduate students needed. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work even more closely than I thought with graduate students and GSA. I have learned so much and feel I can offer my experience to GSA in the coming year.

Many of us feel the pressures of doing research, getting published, and going to conferences. Unfortunately, all of these additional scholarly activities can be very expensive. GSA offers a wonderful program by helping graduate students fund such activities. GSA, as do I, knows how important building a vita is. The vita is a scholarly life on paper. It is the first impression first employers will have of The University of Alabama students. We should all try to help each other build vitas that are meaningful. This is why I want to serve as your next Research and Travel chair.

As graduate students, we have a lot of people we are charged with pleasing before we are granted the credentials to be who it is we have set out to be. GSA provides a support system for any and all students needing the support. I want to be apart of the support system and help graduate students find and receive the financial support needed to accomplish the goals set by The University of Alabama, the Graduate School, the specific college, and the more specific program.

My name is Becky Reamey and I would like to be your next Travel and Research Chair. Please consider voting for me in the upcoming GSA elections.

Thank you!

Becky A. Reamey

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CONFERENCE CHAIR**

TREVA DEAN

Name: Treva Elaine Dean
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Re: GSA Research Conference Chair Position

Qualifications and Goals

I obtained my undergraduate degree in Communication Studies from the University of Alabama and in my time here have developed a sense of pride in our University. It is this strong commitment to the betterment of UA that has prompted me to run for the position of Research Conference Chair for the GSA.

Before returning to school to pursue my undergraduate degree I worked in various corporate offices where as part of my duties I frequently coordinated large events and management meetings including:

- Annual “Book Expo America” Trade Show – Pachyderm Press - 2001
- “True Blue” employee appreciation – AmSouth Bank - 2001
- Annual United Way Campaign – AmSouth Bank – 2002
- Annual Regional Manager Meeting – AmSouth Bank – 2001-2003

While pursuing my undergraduate degree I was a member of both the Jefferson State Community College Speech Team, 2003-2004, and later, the Alabama Forensic Council 2004-2006. While on the Jeff State team I served as President and had primary responsibility for planning the annual Camellia Classic speech tournament hosted by the college. Upon transferring to the University of Alabama, I continued my involvement with speech by assisting in coordination of the annual Crimson Classic and Hall of Fame High School tournaments hosted each year here at the Capstone. This past year I served as the Alumni Chair for the Crimson Classic tournament which enabled me to take a greater leadership position than in the past.

My experience in planning the events described herein makes me the best possible candidate for the Research Conference Chair position. If elected I will work to uphold the quality and standards established by previous conferences while searching for ways to increase participation and recognition of the event. It is my desire to increase participation to levels that would facilitate granting awards not only for top presentation, but for top presentation within each category as well. I believe that my energy and enthusiasm coupled with my past event coordination experience will be an asset to the GSA.