My name is Júlia Coelho, and I am an international, first-generation student from Portugal, pursuing two doctoral degrees (PhD in Musicology and DMA in Vocal Performance). I come from a multicultural and multiethnic family of artists and social educators and I have lived as an international student in two different countries (a total of 11 years), which has given me the chance to help and understand the difficulties of international students over the years. Furthermore, my invisible physical disability also stimulates my advocacy for students’ equal opportunities and on-campus representation.

Recently, I have had the chance to serve in the Graduate Student Council as a Music Senator and as the liaison for the groups “Someone Like Me” (for students with invisible disabilities) and “Deaf Connect.” At the same time, I have continued serving as a volunteer representative for Musicology and Voice DMA students at the College of Music, as well as Co-Chair for the Division of Vocal Studies Student Advisory Committee and Dean’s Student Council at CoM.

My personal experiences and active social engagement with a diverse community over the last decade have helped me to better represent students in matters of health / disabilities, diversity / multiculturality, and overall inclusion and equity, duties that I perform on a volunteer-basis to the best of my abilities.

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