Statement of Interest

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Being a doctoral student, one may think that it’s difficult to maintain a balance between research and extracurricular activities. But I don’t feel that way. Because I believe, it just needs a little bit of passion and dedication to give something back to the community. So, I never lacked the time or the energy to get involved with different student organizations and perform voluntary work. From my very first semester, I tried to take the full advantage of the diverse community that UNT provided me. I joined “UNT World Echoes”, which is a multicultural organization where students get an opportunity to interact with people from different departments and with different cultural backgrounds. I also work as a volunteer for many other organizations such as KDB (Keep Denton Beautiful), ASEM (American Society for Engineering Management), Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), etc.

During my first semester, I became an officer of the Bangladesh Student Association at UNT. I helped the new Bangladeshi students to get a ride from the airport, to get temporary accommodation and to settle down in a new environment. The biggest event I helped to organize last year was the International Mother Language Day. This event helps to encourage awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and promote multilingualism.

Due to my active involvement, the members of the organization elected me to be the new president of BSA. Now, as the president of BSA, I got more involved with the students and with the other organizations. Promoting BSA and organizing different events is a big part of my job as the president. Last semester I helped to organize Global Encounters: Bangladesh. The event was a huge success and the UNT student activities chose BSA as the 'Student Organization of the Month'. This semester we organized a musical program called "Sounds of Bengal" and "The International Mother Language Day". This has been a great experience for me to serve as the BSA president. I learned about the needs and concerns of the students and the issues they face at UNT. Also, I learned how to communicate with the proper authorities about these issues.

Now, I aspire to be the voice of graduate students at UNT, so that I can communicate the needs, interest, and opinions of all the graduate students on behalf of them. As a graduate student community is full of diversity, it is important to create a network among all the graduate students at UNT to promote unity and inclusivity. Nonetheless, as a part of this UNT graduate student community, I feel responsible for acting and working for my fellow community members to ensure better prosperity with proper integrity. I believe GSC’s mission of “improving the gradient student experience by advocating, connecting and empowering” makes it an excellent platform to serve the community. So, I have decided to run for GSC senator position. I hope the honorable election committee will consider me worthy for GSC this position and accept my candidacy.