

I am honored to have been nominated for the office of GSC Treasurer. I both gratefully and delightedly accept this nomination.

I received my undergraduate degree from MIT in 2002 and returned one year later to begin my graduate studies in the Department of Architecture. However, my appreciation for MIT and the GSC in particular comes largely from my experience as a graduate student. As an undergrad, I participated in various student organizations, but it is as a graduate student that I have gained a deeper understanding of the institute, through more direct participation in promoting student life. This past year, I had the pleasure and privilege to serve on the Student Advisory Board to MIT's 16th President, an experience that greatly increased my awareness and understanding of student issues and concerns. This semester, I helped form a new student dance group, "RiDONKulous," performing at events both inside and outside the institute to represent MIT on a larger scale. In addition, I am currently a Graduate Resident Tutor at McCormick Hall.

I believe that the role of the GSC Treasurer is first to be an honest and reliable advocate for graduate students; one member of a team of GSC officers that shares a sincere burden for optimizing the graduate student experience. Specifically, the Treasurer is accountable for managing the GSC's resources and other matters regarding finances and funding, such as the GSC Budget and Funding Board. Moreover, as the GSC Treasurer, I understand that it is my duty to make wise and effective fiscal decisions, allocating and spending the GSC's resources in equitable, effectual ways. I am a strong supporter of strategies that benefit the overall, and when possible, entire student body. I also believe that it is the role of the GSC Treasurer to establish and ensure absolute transparency and accountability for monetary decisions made by the GSC, through strong, direct communication with the graduate student body, clear understanding of graduate student needs, and sensible consideration of the graduate student voice. I welcome these duties which offer me the opportunity to enhance graduate student life at MIT.

I am confident of my capacity to represent and serve the MIT GSC and graduate students as a responsible and valuable Treasurer for the 2005-2006 term. Thank you for your nomination.

Respectfully,

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