

# Personal Statement as Candidate for Vice-President of EECS GSA

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I enthusiastically accept the nomination for Vice-President of the EECS Graduate Students Association.

During the past semester I've become actively involved in the organization, attending as a participant in several of the activities it has organized and as a guest in its executive meetings. What I've witnessed is an active and vibrant team of members that care deeply about the EECS student community.

A particularly memorable event held by the group was a meeting with Rafael Reif, the head of the EECS department, to discuss any concerns that students. The event was a success; several students gave their input and raised several important issues of which Dr. Reif diligently took note. I myself reflected on several of the issues and realized that, although we have an excellent department, there's always room for improvement. I'd like to take a leadership position at the EECS GSA because I would like to make these changes happen.

In particular, I would like to close the apparent gap that exists between the different communities in the EECS department. The separation is probably most pronounced between the electrical engineer and computer science groups, but I feel sometimes a lack of communication also exists between more related groups. Accordingly, I would like to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to interact with faculty and with each other.

As the Vice-President of the EECS GSA I will continue to ensure that students have means to voice their concerns, reflect about them and ultimately carry out solutions that improve their student life. I will ensure that students are provided with activities to expand and grow socially, profes-

sionally and academically. I will ensure that all members of the department have the appropriate channels to communicate and to create a strong sense of community.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Loreto