Information regarding the three (3) vacancies for graduate students was advertised in the GSA newsletters of 11 and 18 January 2019 with a nomination deadline of 22 January 2019. Five (5) nominations were received. The nominees were then interviewed by members of GSA NoC: GSA NoC Vice-Chair Kenzie Gordon conducted two (2) interviews, GSA NoC member David Tandio conducted one (1) interview, and GSA NoC Chair Radim Barta and GSA NoC member Dylan Ashley together conducted two (2) interviews. These members have been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and have a record of demonstrating impartiality through their work on the GSA NoC. GSA Assistant Director Lisa Hareuther was also present for four (4) of the interviews, and GSA Executive Director Courtney Thomas was present for one (1) interview. During each of the interviews, the nominees were asked a series of questions aimed at assessing their awareness of the basic tenets of procedural fairness and their ability to adjudicate potential cases in accord with those tenets (note as well that all individuals elected to the GSA ACB receive training in procedural fairness).

There will be a paper ballot vote held at the 28 January 2019 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the 28 January 2019, meeting of GSA Council and would like to cast an electronic vote for this position, you must contact the GSA Nominating Committee Coordinator (gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca) BEFORE 3:00 PM on Monday 28 January 2019 in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

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The Ballot
- There will be one ballot with candidates listed in reverse alphabetical order.
- For each candidate, there will be a “yes” box and a “no” box.

Voting
- The voter ticks one box per candidate, or abstains by not voting for a particular candidate (both boxes are left empty).

Counting
- If a candidate has more “no” votes than “yes” votes, the candidate is eliminated.
- If after the elimination round, there are fewer candidate(s) or an equal number of candidates as there are positions, the candidate(s) with at least one “yes” vote is/are successful.
- If after the elimination round, there are more candidates than positions, the candidates with the highest number of “yes” votes, equivalent to the number of positions, are the successful candidates.
- If, after the elimination round, there is a tie for last place in the number of “yes” votes, the candidate with the fewest number of “no” votes is successful. If the tied vote has the same number of both “yes” and “no” votes, the Speaker will draw one (1) name from a hat.

Jurisdiction:
Section H: Performance, Conduct, Responsibilities, and Attendance, and the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, Section H.POL.7.1.a

“Eight (8) graduate students elected by GSA Council as voting members.”

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“The GSA NoC will interview all nominees to the GSA ACB and forward selected nominees to GSA Council.”

The names and biographies received for the five (5) nominees are BELOW on pages 8.11 - 8.16. The biographies and brief resumes are presented as received (ie not edited).
### Nomination for GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB)
(3 Vacancies for Graduate Students)
Five (5) Nominees

1. **Nishant Agrawal**

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**Statement of Interest**

I think that I have the ability to be neutral. I don’t have a position experience to back that claim, but by nature I am a person who is calm and likes to listen to everyone before speaking. I am a PhD student in Mathematics and hence I also think that I have developed and have ability to think independently and differently.

**Bio**

I am from Delhi, India. I did my schooling and College in 4 different cities in India which helped me in exploring various parts of India. My upbringing was focused on academics and family values. I did well in my high school and subsequent competitive exams which helped me get through one of the best colleges in India for undergraduate studies.

**Summary Resume**

I am presently a first year PhD in Mathematical Finance. I have done Masters from University of Kansas, Kansas, USA. In US I have taught Calculus and Pre Calculus courses for three years. During my Undergraduate studies I have served as Department Representative. During my Undergraduate studies I have also done some volunteer work along with YATN which works for upliftment of the families of the migrant construction labourers.
### 2. Benjamin Decardi-Nelson

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**Statement of Interest**

My experiences serving as the Judicial Council/Committee Chairman for the Ghana Engineering Students' Association (GESA) during my undergraduate studies, a student member of the Faculty of Native Studies Appeals Committee, and a member of the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) will be invaluable to the operation of the GSA ACB. Also, aside my area of studies, I have keen interest in legal matters (law) and fairness, which align well with the mandate of the GSA ACB. I also served as the Vice-Chair of the GSA ACB last year. These constitute the reasons for opting for a second term as the Vice-Chair of the GSA ACB.

**Bio**

I am an open-minded individual born in Ghana, a country located in West Africa. I moved to Saskatchewan, Canada in 2014 to study for my masters in Process Systems Engineering at the University of Regina after obtaining my bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in my home country. I am fluent in English and two other local languages in my homeland. I was a first-choice player in my department's soccer team and my year group because of my outstanding soccer prowess. I currently play for Fulvaso soccer club in the Edmonton indoor soccer league. While at the University of Regina, I volunteered to be an International peer adviser helping undergraduate students smoothly transition to the University environment.

**Summary Resume**

I am a third-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering working on computer process control. I am a member of the Process Systems and Control Engineering research group headed by Dr. Jinfeng Liu. I worked on research that sought to address one of the most challenging issues facing humanity - Climate change and global warming mitigation - at the University of Regina for my master's degree. I also collaborated on research at the design lab at Rensselaer, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA during my summer break in 2011. I have a schedule that is flexible enough to accommodate sitting on a working committee.
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**Statement of Interest**

Having served as the Chairman of Council of elders at the School of Nursing during my final year at the undergraduate level and also as a Vice-President in the same organization, the experiences I gained in making unbiased decisions would be fully utilized when given the position. My experience and knowledge through courses on communication and conflict resolution have equipped me to be more assertive in engaging people.

**Bio**

I was born in Kumasi Ghana, speaks Asante Twi but have had all my formal education in English Language. I studied Bsc. Nursing at the University of Ghana, served as a Teaching Assistant in the following year and practiced as a Rotation Registered General Nurse in a sub-urban area within Ghana's capital city, Accra for a year. I also worked as an industrial nurse at Nestle Ghana Limited before setting off to further my studies here in UofA. This is my second semester here and I would like to engage in student activities to contribute to society and expand my experiences as well.

**Summary Resume**

I am currently in the second term of my MN-thesis program. My research interest is centered on factors that influence curriculum development in nursing education. I am yet to begin my training as a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Society come January 16. I am usually unoccupied besides course assignments.
### Statement of Interest

I believe the skills that I garnered in my role as a Student Chapter Executive (2016-2018) for the Canadian Coalition of Global Health Research (CCGHR) would be an asset to the GSA Appeals and Complaint Board. In my role, I supported over 11 CCGHR institutional student chapters with their strategic planning, recruitment and events. As such I am able to: analyze conflicts and apply ethical knowledge from organization policies, guideline and standards and listen, ask questions and foster effective communication and collaboration among various stakeholders.

### Bio

I was born in Kenya and raised in Canada. As a child of immigrant parents I have learned, first hand, lessons of hard work, perseverance and patience. During my junior year in high school, my geography teacher suggested that I join my schools' Model United Nations (MUN) team due to my passion for fairness and social justice. Joining the team changed my trajectory in life and led me to undertake a BSc in Health Studies at University of Waterloo. In my first year at UofWaterloo as I awarded the Leadership Award due to my extensive work as the Athletic Co-ordinator for Residence Council. Throughout my academic years, I was a volunteer for UW’s WELL-FIT cancer exercise program and spent most of my free time working as a Student Ambassador; while also juggling my interest in salsa dance and Muy Thai. Here at the U of A, I am looking forward to joining Dr. Sangita Sharma Indigenous Health research team and the on-campus Community Helpers Program to be of service to my fellow peers in their time of need.

### Summary Resume

After my undergrad, my experience working with the refugee population in Waterloo, ON and vulnerable mothers and children in Malawi made me realize that I needed more skills and experience to effect greater change in the world. With this realization, I became an associate member of the Ontario Council for International Cooperation and student member of the Canadian Society of International Health. Being part of these two groups has given me the opportunity to see the great work that many local NGO’s are doing both on the ground and overseas. They further instilled the virtues of equity, cooperation and collaboration; virtues that I continue to hold dear in my personal and professional life.
5. Shubham Soni

| Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta) | None |

**Statement of Interest**

Although I'm not a political person by nature, I do believe that it is in everyone's best interest to be involved in some way. I would imagine that the responsibilities and experiences of a GSA Appeals and Complaints Board member are not strictly political, but directly relate to the concerns that exist amongst a vast governing body. Luckily for me, and by virtue of adoring the scientific process, my experiences and actions comprehensively illustrate my ability to observe thoroughly, think exhaustively, and act impartially, all of which would serve in direct concordance with the role of this position and the efforts of the board. Between being a volunteer resource coordinator, training and curriculum manager, resident assistant, I have capitalized on chances to produce unique solutions to otherwise difficult problems. Although I continue to learn more approaches to problem solving, I will certainly bring valuable insight to any situation.

**Bio**

I was born in India and moved to Langley, BC (Vancouver area) at the age of six, but am still able to converse in Hindi and most of Punjabi. Growing up I was heavily involved in athletics and played many major sports competitively to some degree. Most notably, I was involved with tennis, which led me to play at the varsity/intercollegiate level for the University of Alberta Golden Bears. Although I am no longer on the team, I stay involved in tennis and other athletic outlets. In addition to research, I dedicate my time in the community. Specifically, I promote sustainability and sustainable initiatives with the Sustainability Council, develop health-related presentations for elementary-high school students and train volunteers in executing these presentations with SIHA (student volunteer organization), and tutor introductory biochemistry for undergraduate students.

**Summary Resume**

I am a first year MSc student investigating the prospect of "ketone therapy" as a treatment for heart failure and cardiovascular disease with Dr. Jason Dyck. In my BSc, I worked with Dr. Peter Light in assessing the immunoregulatory role of vitamin-D in type-1 diabetes via calcium imaging; collectively, I have experience with cell and animal work, and different realms of academia. For 3 years of my BSc, I was a Resident Assistant in Lister Centre and directly dealt with emergency situations, conflict resolution (in various facets of residence), and fostering a nurturing community for first year university students while upholding the UofA's Code of Student Behaviour. Amongst the countless
instances, the goal was to restoratively resolve any issue/concern in a balanced and nonpartisan manner. As a volunteer resources coordinator for the Canadian Blood Services Youth Committee, I have experience overseeing and managing the performance and responsibilities of volunteers to ensure in aligns with their contract requirements and that everyone is accountable. Most notably, although the contract is black and white by definition, many situations arrive where expectations do not work out as projected; the goal is to closely examine the situation, work with the volunteer and the president of the Youth Committee to ensure a balanced resolution and implement a system that will mitigate the plausibility of future "hiccups" while keeping the rest of their responsibilities balanced. From my understanding, these should serve as valuable background experiences for the purpose of this position. I would love to speak further about additional experiences which reflect my successful capacity to synthesize a neutral plan of action.