As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, the GSA NoC will open nominations for Speaker, Deputy Speaker, CRO and DRO “on or about 1 May of every year” and nominations will be submitted in writing to the GSA NoC “by 30 May or the next working day” (Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Bylaw, GSA Officers, Council-Elected Officers, Section D.BYL.3.1.b and Section D.BYL.3.1.c). This position was advertised in the GSA newsletter in advance of the June 2019 and July 2019 meetings of GSA Council, but no nominees were received. It was again advertised in the GSA newsletter of 30 August 2019 with a deadline of 11 September 2019. Three (3) nominations were received.

There will be a paper ballot vote held at the 16 September 2019 GSA Council meeting to elect the Deputy Speaker for 2019-2020.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the 16 September 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 16 September 2019 in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

Nominees for this position are listed in alphabetical order by last name and will be presented in reverse alphabetical order on the ballot. ‘None of the Candidates’ will also be considered a nominee.

GSA Deputy Speaker

1. Ramin Fathian (Mechanical Engineering)
2. Arshad Khan Khalafzai (Earth and Atmospheric Sciences)
3. Devi Priyanka Maripuri (Medical Generics)

Please note that one nominee has concurrently put their name forward for positions on two GSA Standing Committees and, in the event that they are elected to all positions, they will be asked to choose between the Deputy Speaker position and the GSA Standing Committee position(s), as “the Speaker and Deputy Speaker may not act in any other representative position for the GSA” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Policy, GSA Officer Portfolios, Section D.POL.12.3.a).

Jurisdiction:

Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Bylaw, GSA Officers, Section D.BYL.3.1.d
“The GSA NoC will follow its legislated process in forwarding one or more nominations to GSA Council except that the GSA NoC may not waive advertising. Note that the legislated GSA NoC process specifies that all vacancies will be advertised at least twice in advance of the nomination deadline.”

Section E: Nominating, GSA Policy, Nominating, Section E.POL.3.2.a
“The GSA NoC provides GSA Council with the names of nominees for all GSA Council-Elected Officer positions. These positions will be advertised at least twice in advance of the nomination deadline noted in the advertisement.”

The biographies and brief resumes of the nominees are ATTACHED on pages 11.4 - 11.7. The biographies and brief resumes have been attached as received (ie not edited).
Biographies and Resumes of Nominees

DEPUTY SPEAKER

Qualifications as set out in Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Policy, GSA Officer Portfolios, D.POL.12

D.POL.12.4.a The Speaker must have a good working knowledge of the GSA, its structure, and its governing documents.

Duties as set out in Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Bylaw, GSA Officers, D.BYL.3

D.BYL.3.3.c The Speaker is responsible for presiding over all meetings of GSA Council.

D.BYL.3.3.d Duties of the Deputy Speaker and DRO are to assist the Speaker and CRO as needed.

Duties as set out in Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Policy, GSA Officer Portfolios, D.POL.12

D.POL.12.1 Duties of the Speaker

D.POL.12.1.a The Speaker is responsible for presiding over all meetings of GSA Council and for acting in a neutral capacity and maintaining order and decorum in GSA Council so that GSA Council can conduct its business in a fully-informed, fair fashion.

D.POL.12.1.b The Speaker is responsible for dealing with any breaches of confidentiality arising in GSA Council.

D.POL.12.1.c The Speaker will see that an agenda package is prepared for all meetings of GSA Council.

D.POL.12.1.d The Speaker is ultimately responsible for review of the Minutes of meetings of GSA Council prior to their being distributed to GSA Council for approval.

D.POL.12.1.e The Speaker is responsible for tracking attendance at meetings of GSA Council.

D.POL.12.1.f The Speaker oversees the archiving of the official copies of the GSA’s governing documents and is responsible for ensuring that up-to-date copies thereof are available to members on the GSA website.

D.POL.12.1.g The position of Speaker totals approximately two (2) hours per week on average, except for weeks where there is a GSA Council meeting, in which case there is an average of approximately five (5) hours.

D.POL.12.2 Duties of the Deputy Speaker

D.POL.12.2.a As per Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Bylaw, GSA Officers, D.BYL.3.3.d, the “duties of the Deputy Speaker […] are to assist the Speaker […] as needed.”

D.POL.12.3 Restrictions

D.POL.12.3.a The Speaker and Deputy Speaker may not act in any other representative position for the GSA except as provided for in GSA Bylaw and GSA Policy.

D.POL.12.3.b The Speaker and Deputy Speaker will not campaign for or endorse any candidate or team whatsoever in a GSA General Election or by-election (see Section I: Elections, GSA Bylaw, Elections, Section I.BYL.5.4).”
Nominations for GSA Deputy Speaker
(1 Vacancy for GSA Members)
Three Nominees

1. Ramin Fathian

| Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta) | FGSR, Councilor at large |

**Statement of Interest**

Experience I gained during the past years while I was serving as a deputy director of Mechanical Engineering Association of Shiraz University, organizer, and advisor can be beneficial to the committee to provide better services and supports to GSA members.

**Bio**

I was born in Shiraz, Iran and I lived in Shiraz for 23 years. I can speak Farsi (Persian) and English fluently. I finished my undergraduate study back in Iran in Shiraz University (2017). Currently I am studying mechanical engineering at the University of Alberta.

**Summary Resume**

I am now a second-year MSc. Student in the department of mechanical engineering working under supervision of Dr. Rouhani. My research is about biomechanical assessment of vertical jumping. As I mentioned before, I finished my BSc. in 2017 at Shiraz University and my project was "Hybrid Position Control on 4 Wheel Drive Omni Wheel Platform Using Gyro Sensors and Camera Feedback Compensator". During my undergraduate study I served as the Deputy director of the Mechanical Engineering Association of Shiraz University for more than two years while I was responsible for coordinating events, and workshops, negotiating with industry partners for organizing workshops, and fieldtrips, advising students in case of having innovative ideas and link them to the innovation centers. In addition, I organized couple of events, workshops, and competitions for university student and highschool students. Here at University of Alberta, I was volunteer for the FEGRS (Faculty of Engineering Gradute Student Symposium), Open house, and FURCA (Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities). It can be mentioned that, I can fit in any group and I enjoy teamwork.
2. Arshad Khan Khalafzai

| Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta) | Not Applicable |

Statement of Interest: Briefly explain how your skills and experience would be an asset to your work in this position.

I have diversified work experience spanning over 25 years. My work experience includes project management and project coordination. I have worked both nationally and internationally in a multicultural environment. During my college education in my country of origin, I actively participated in the college union activities including running operational affairs, conducting elections, and chairing meeting, etc. During my studies at York University, Toronto, I not only participated in the CUPE 3903 activities and sat on various committees but also actively contributed to the success of the Union, e.g. 11 weeks long strike during 2008-09. I have chaired meeting both in the academic and professional work environment and have effectively contributed to achieving the organizational goals.

Bio: A brief description of yourself and your background.

I am a 50 years old mature individual, a Ph.D. scholar, a social scientist, and a Pakistani Canadian with dual citizenship status. I believe in family values and respect laws, customs and traditions, and ethical values of all societies and cultures. I strongly believe in equality, and that all cultures, languages, ethnicities, and ways of life are equal, and have the same importance. I also firmly believe that diversity both in the natural environment and human societies is the key to the survival of mankind.

Summary Resume: A brief description of your academic, professional, and volunteer work as it pertains to this position.

I have earned over 25 years of combined work experience including ten years’ experience of conducting academic-based internationally published quality research using both qualitative and quantitative research orientations, mixed-methods and multiple participatory techniques in a range of aspects of the development sector. They include socioeconomic development, human development, women and youth empowerment and environmental hazards, climate change vulnerabilities, impacts, and adaptation, and disaster risk reduction and sustainable development while serving the national and international public and not-for-profit and development organizations. They include UN agencies such as UNICEF and UNESCO and INGOs e.g., IRC, Oxfam GB, Plan International and the Canadian Red Cross, academic research institutions of York University, Toronto and the University of Alberta, Edmonton in addition to the Government of Pakistan including National Commission for Human Development (NCHD). I have a noteworthy academic career such as earning a gold medal and securing the first position in the master’s degree programs of MS Development Studies and MBA. I also have several research publications and articles in my credit published in the international academic and professional journals and Canadian magazines. My professional contribution is well recognized both nationally and internationally, for example, I won the Canadian award of Larry Pearce Education 2016 Award.
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3. Devi Priyanka Maripuri

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Part Two

Statement of Interest

I have been an active member of an interdisciplinary group, **Initiative for Biological Systems Engineering (IBSE)** at **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**, India for the past two years before joining UofA as a graduate student. At IBSE, I have coordinated several meetings and have been an active member of the initiative’s organizing committee. I was responsible for overseeing the Committee’s weekly meetings, seminars, colloquiums and the quarterly workshops. Apart from these, as a part of the organizing committee, I have had an opportunity to supervise an International Conference. I was also responsible for maintaining the website and updating the information timely. If given an opportunity, I would like to extend my commitment to UofA.

Bio

I have completed my Bachelor of Technology Degree in Bioinformatics at Sathyabama University, India in 2017. Later, I have moved to work at Indian Institute of Technology Madras as a Project Associate at a Computational Systems Biology Laboratory. Apart from analyzing cancer genomes at IIT Madras, I have been an active member of the IBSE Initiative. I have also been selected as the Campus Tour guide where I have had an opportunity to develop an interpersonal rapport with other students. Outside this, I also a compassionate volunteer at **DESIRE Society**, an NGO working for HIV/AIDS Infected Affected Children in Hyderabad, India. I have also organized several fund-raising events for these kids. At UofA, I am pursuing my Masters degree in Medical Genetics under the auspices of the Maternal and Child Health (MatCH) Program where I have been appointed as a Graduate Research Assistant. I am an avid book reader and I can speak Hindi, Telugu and English.

Summary Resume

I am a first year Masters student at the Department of Medical Sciences-Medical Genetics under the MatCH program. It’s a two year thesis based program. My work will be in understanding the enormous complexity in the living systems and in understanding the cause of the underlying disease conditions by analyzing genomic data. My research program facilitates an interdisciplinary collaboration with departments of Medical Genetics, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology. I am interested in this position because I would like to explore and deepen my understanding of the student organizations while simultaneously improving my communication skills. I have always been a detail and task oriented person with an ability to manage several projects at a time. With my past experiences, I strongly believe that my skills will come in handy in assisting the Speaker with their duties. If given an opportunity, I would like to inform you that I will be an ardent team player who will be passionate about the work that has been entrusted in me.