As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, “[the GSA NoC] will open nominations for Speaker, Deputy Speaker, CRO, and DRO on or about May 1 of every year by email to every graduate student” and “nominations [...] will be submitted in writing to the GSA NoC by May 30 or the next following working day” (Section D: GSA Officers, GSA Bylaw, GSA Officers, Council-Elected Officers, Sections D.BYL.3.1.b and D.BYL.3.1.c). This position was first filled following the June 2018 meeting of GSA Council, but was then vacated as of July 2018. Information regarding this position was circulated in the GSA newsletters of 28 September and 4 October 2018 with a nomination deadline of 10 October 2018. Two (2) nominations were received.

**There will be a paper ballot vote held at the 15 October 2018 GSA Council meeting to elect the Deputy Speaker for 2018-2019.**

> If you and your alternate are unable to attend the 15 October 2018 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 15 October 2018 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. Raji Chokkalingam (Internetworking)
2. Christie Li (Medical Genetics)

**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.”

Biographies and brief resumes of the two (2) nominees for Deputy Speaker are ATTACHED on pages 11.2 - 11.5. Biographies and brief resumes have been attached as received (ie not edited).
## Biographies and Resumes of Nominees

**GSA DEPUTY SPEAKER**

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Nominations for GSA Deputy Speaker
(1 Vacancy for Graduate Students)
Two (2) Nominees

1. Raji Chokkalingam

Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta)

| None |

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

I firmly believe being part of the UAlberta’s GSA will bring my skills to the fore. I have been a member and coordinator for department level associations during my undergraduate studies in India viz. EEEA (Electrical and Electronic Engineers Association) and the Rotaract club. The associations all had one mandate, i.e., representing students' interests while adhering to the vision of the associations and I was unassumingly good at it.

After moving to Canada in 2014, I became a member of Toastmasters International to improvise my leadership skills, which genuinely was helpful in transforming my communication abilities. I have won the best speaker award/ribbon for ten times consecutively, which I think is a fitting testament to my leadership communication abilities. While doing the above, I had also managed small teams at my work, wherein I was required to balance the team’s interests and the work output/project goals.

If given an opportunity, I am confident that I will effectively perform my duties as a deputy speaker of the GSA.

Bio: A brief description of yourself and your background.

As I have mentioned earlier, I am an M.Sc. Internetworking graduate student. I had my electrical engineering degree from India and worked as a Systems Executive for a couple of years with a multinational IT solutions provider before moving to Calgary in 2014. I worked for Shaw Communications as a Technical Support Representative between 2014 and 2016, where I troubleshooted network issues based on customer complaints.

Since last year, I am a busy mother too, who aspires to work in the high-tech industry here in Canada and actively participate in community development initiatives.

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

Professional Skills summary

- Worked extensively on Level 2 and Level 3 IT infrastructure support for U.S and Canadian clients.
- Familiar with ITIL- process model, V3 processes and functions.
- Supported application teams with Python scripts and SQL programming during deployment phase.
- Experience in working with telecommunication industry application software – CBS & ComX.
- Exposure to .NET and Java based application - support, deployment and architecture.
- Managed small teams and project costs, while delivering quality technical services.

**EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Member of Toastmasters International (Bedstone Olympics Toastmasters, 2016 – Present).
- Former member of the EEEA & Synchron Committee at MNM Jain College (Anna University, 2008 - 2011).
2. Christie Li

Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAAlberta)

Statement of Interest

I would be an asset working in this position because of my leadership skills and my genuine willingness to connect with my peers. I have always been very passionate about advocating for my peers. I have served on the Mayor’s Youth Council in high school engaging youths and voicing their concerns around the city. In undergraduate, I served as an elected member of the Students Society of McGill University serving as Science Representative acting as a liaison between students in the Faculty of Science and the University Council. I have good communication skills and I really care about my peers. I also like to be informed of issues around me which is hard being a graduate student and so focused on your work. Personally I find the student services that the GSA offers extremely beneficial to me this past year transitioning into graduate school, I want to reciprocate the care and support I received from the vice president and help reach out to more students on campus.

Bio

I am a first year Master of Science student in Medical Genetics. I did my undergraduate degree in Anatomy and Cell Biology. I have always been very dedicated to the community around me. In high school, I participated in Mayor’s Youth Council. I volunteer a lot on my free time. This past year, I have had a really difficult time transitioning into graduate studies. I feel very supported by the people around me including Madame Speaker and the VP Student Services who happens to be in our department whom I was able to relate to and who feels very passionate about issues facing students. That really made a difference in my life. I want to contribute to council which will in turn help more clueless students like myself. In addition, because I am from an immigrant family, I feel I can really relate to the many international students that comprises of the student body, as well as the domestic students. I want to understand and help deal with issues facing both cohorts.

Summary Resume

I have been involved in various leadership roles throughout undergrad

Let’s Talk Science Volunteer(October 2018-Present)
Let’s Talk Science University of Alberta
  • Help facilitate entertaining and interactive demonstrations with the aim to disseminate basic science principals to school-age children in the community

Faculty of Science Representative in SSMU (September 2014-August 2015)
McGill University Science Undergraduate Society, Montreal QC
  • Act as a liaison between the Faculty of Science student council and SSMU council
  • Voice issues of importance to science students as well as reflected concerns of science
students to the university SSMU council
• Participate in legislative debate during SSMU legislative council meeting

Vice President of Financial Operations (September 2013-June 2016)
McGill Students Friends of Medecins Sans Frontieres, Montreal QC
• Document and transcribe executive meeting minutes
• Oversee all financial operations of the club to ensure long-term financial sustainability of the club such as cash transactions during events, billing, receipting, reimbursement, preparing funding applications, and developing club and event budget
• Handle bank deposits
• Maintain a comprehensive list of club expenses via the creation of a Club Expenditure Tracking System
• Complete and submit bi-annual audit reports to Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU)
• Work with executive members in the club in planning and organizing club events and activities

Vice President of Communications (September 2013-June 2016)
McGill Table Tennis Club, Montreal QC
• Relay information regarding club events to club members via social media platforms as well as listserv emails
• Promote club activities to club members and the general student body thereby increasing the club’s presence on campus via various forms of media
• Collaborate with executive members in planning and organizing major tournaments and fundraising activities

Mayor’s Youth Council (September 2011-June 2012)
Youth Central
• Engage in political issues and issues facing youth engagement