Bashir Sadat Applying for GSS Vice President Position for the 2018-2019.

I am currently a graduate student in the Instructional Technology department in the College of Education. I have a bachelor's degree in Education Management from Kabul University and graduated from the Computer Science department of Maiwand Institute of Higher Education with a Bachelor of Computer Science. Before coming to Lehigh, I was working with an IT company as a database team manager. Working in that position, I had the opportunity to practice leadership and management in a real business setting.

Along with my experience with industry and my education, I have many years of experience volunteering with different organizations. I have worked (volunteered) with AIESEC (the world's largest non-profit youth-run organization) in Afghanistan in different capacities. I was directly involved in organizing TED Talk events as part of the TEDx Kabul team. My future plans are to have my own startup in education to enhance education using technological tools. I see myself as a design thinker and entrepreneur. Therefore, I want to practice leadership in different settings to be ready to tackle the problems that I will face in my own work.

 I want to join the graduate student senate because I want to make the graduate student experience better in Lehigh. I believe graduate life is tough with a lot of stress and struggles. Each grad student needs some sort of help to relief. As the vice president of the GSS, I will try my best to empathize with all the graduate student to make sure nobody is left behind. I think there are some students that are not participating in any of the events presented by GLO and GSS and they are kind of isolated members of the campus. During my work as the VP of the GSS will try to reduce this gap to make the graduate experience memorable for my fellow graduates. I hope I get the opportunity and the honor to serve in this designation.