Graduate & Professional Student Association  
Executive Board – Declaration of Candidacy  
May 2018 – May 2019

Name: Deuvall Dorsey  
Department/School: JMS

Select one:  ○ President  ○ Vice President  ○ Treasurer  ○ Secretary

Please list any relevant experience/qualifications for the position:  
(GPSA experience, student government, extracurricular activities, or other interests)
Nevada State College Student Body President 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 (Senator 2012)  
Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) Vice Chair 2013-2014  
Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) Member 2012-2013  
Founder of UNLV Students for Sensible Drug Policy 2016-2018  
Founder and Executive Director of UNLV Rebels CAN 2017-Present (Until April Election)  
Represented students with NSC Faculty Alliance and other executive committees around campus  
Founder of NSC Grad School Prep club, Cross Country team, chess club, visual media club  
Participated in large number of Board of Regents meetings representing student body  
Member of NSHE Tuition and fees committee 2013-14 - member of NSC Executive Budget Committee 2012-14  
Attended one NSA meeting per year in person with board of regents to stay in the loop

Please explain why you are interested in serving in this position:  
May 2014 I termed out as NSC student body president and stepped down as NSA Vice Chair  
I left student government due to terms limits but I've been very active at NSC and UNLV since then and am now  
interested in making a larger impact on the grad school during what may be my last year at UNLV. I am familiar with the  
process of conducting meetings, working with an executive board, meeting with the faculty and administration while  
representing a student population in a variety of ways at different times and places. I'm comfortable with  
public speaking opportunities whether it be a prepared statement or impromptu. These are some of the  
things I've missed about leading the student government and I'm excited for the chance to get back to it.  
I have a flexible schedule planned next year which will give me ample time to fulfill my duties as GPSA President  
I've learned that the focus and discipline I apply to meeting my leadership responsibilities makes a positive  
impact on my academic performance as well, that's another reason I've decided to run for GPSA President.

Please attach letter of support from your faculty member/advisor to the application.
To Whom It May Concern,

Deuvall Dorsey has asked me to support his application to GPSA with a letter of endorsement. I am pleased to do so. I have known Deuvall as a professor and through many informal contacts. I feel I am in good position to provide an evaluation of his abilities and aptitudes and feel that he would greatly benefit from the goals and mission of GPSA. Deuvall is also a student in good standing in the JMS Masters program.

On a personal level Deuvall is friendly and approachable and it is always a pleasure to talk to him. I can't imagine anyone not enjoying having him as a student or co-worker. At the same time Deuvall is an independent thinker—he is intellectually aggressive and consistently sees original connections between concepts. This has made him a pleasure to teach in classroom settings and the same tenacity will serve him well in future employment situations. Verbally, Deuvall is able to express complex ideas clearly, is able to think on his feet, and grasps the essential ideas in arguments.

Finally, Deuvall is a very strong student. Of special note are Deuvall's writing skills—he writes clearly and succinctly, with a voice and authority that one would expect in a person with much greater experience. He is capable of sustained production of interesting and incisive prose. In short, he can be relied on for clear communication and insightful analysis. I feel the ability to write thoughtfully, clearly, and rapidly is one of Deuvall's real strengths and an obviously important skill he is developing in the public relations and journalism program here at UNLV.

It should be clear from the above that I think a lot of Deuvall. He is informed, diligent, self-motivated, and very talented. I recommend him without reservation and would be pleased to provide any additional information you may require at benjamin.burroughs@unlv.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Benjamin Burroughs
Assistant Professor of Emerging Media
Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)