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Hello fellow graduate students,

My name is Lina Mohamed, and I'm excited to run for the Graduate Student Member position on the UNBC Board of Governors. As a Master of Applied Science in Engineering student, I've had the chance to work on meaningful projects, like my research on Pavement Management for the City of Prince George. But beyond my studies, what truly drives me is community engagement and making a difference in the student experience.

I've been an active member of the UNBC community, serving as the Food Bank Manager at NBCGSS, a Graphic Designer for student organizations, and a Volunteer at Active Minds. These roles have given me the opportunity to connect with students from all backgrounds, understand the challenges we face, and work on solutions that improve our university life.

If elected, I will focus on making sure graduate students' voices are heard and valued in key university decisions. I want to create a space where we can all feel supported, connected, and empowered.

What I Want to Achieve:

- Stronger Graduate Student Representation - I will actively bring student concerns to the Board, push for more engagement opportunities, and ensure our needs are taken seriously.
- Better Support and Resources - Whether it's mental health services, financial aid, or research funding, I will advocate for stronger support systems for grad students.
- A More Inclusive and Welcoming Campus - Diversity is our strength! I will work to make sure international and underrepresented students feel included and supported at UNBC.
- Sustainability and Community Impact - Let's support initiatives that make UNBC more environmentally sustainable while also creating stronger connections between students and the broader community.

I'd truly appreciate your support!

Kind Regards,

Lina Shehata



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With a strong engineering background, I began my PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at UNBC in 2021. However, my passion for making a meaningful impact extends beyond academics. Since then, I have actively engaged in student-oriented initiatives, serving as the Director of Community Development for the Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society (NBCGSS) for over a year and a half, a Graduate Teaching Assistant in engineering courses for two years, and a Student Assistant at the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT). In my leadership role at NBCGSS, I successfully organized events for up to 200 students while directly addressing student concerns, challenges, and needs—enhancing their academic and social experiences at UNBC.

My extensive involvement across various UNBC offices and student organizations has deepened my understanding of student needs and institutional operations. As a part of my PhD research project, I had the opportunity to travel and visit other campuses in Canada through collaborations with other academic institutions and industrial partners. This experience broadened my perspective on student engagement, academic development, and institutional strategies that create a thriving campus environment. As a member of the Board of Governors, I aim to bridge the gap between students and decision-makers, advocating for policies that enhance academic experiences, student support services, and campus life. My leadership experience, commitment to student well-being, and ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders make me a strong candidate for this position. I am eager to contribute to the Board's efforts in fostering a more inclusive, supportive, and forward-thinking university community.

