As the current MCAA chair, my committee and I have drafted MCAA guidelines and an addendum that not only outline the MCAA agenda and platform, but also make the MCAA event process easier and more understandable for RGSO’s. The MCAA committee has also partnered with RGSO’s and organizations such as the ISSS and the Indian Student Organization (ISO) to fund events on campus that promote inclusion and diversity, while also fostering an environment for learning about issues concerning social justice. If re-elected to the MCAA position, I look to provide more programming to students that reflect the ideas represented in the new MCAA name – diversity and inclusion. Currently, my committee and I are generating programming ideas for next academic year – one program will take place in the fall and the other in the spring. I look to use more of my MCAA budget to partner with RGSO’s to generate events that tackle key social justice issues at SUNY Albany and in the community. As MCAA chair, I believe that graduate students need a stronger platform and voice in the academic community, and I look to create a space for all graduate students to have their issues heard. Due to scheduling conflicts with core PhD courses, I was not physically able to attend the President’s Diversity Council meetings; however, I appointed a proxy who I met with on a regular basis to discuss opportunities for graduate students to get involved in conversations on diversity and inclusion. As a member of the diversity council, I will continue to advocate for graduate student concerns at the university level and engage key faculty and staff members on graduate student issues. My platform is outlines below

- Continue to sit on the President’s Diversity Council as a graduate student representative, and represent graduate students in critical conversations regarding diversity and inclusion

- Act as a liaison for students to express concerns on diversity and inclusion

- Increase departmental and student involvement in the Graduate Student Association

- Generate more graduate student programming in collaboration with RGSO’s and other graduate student affiliates