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Dear colleagues,

First of all, I want to deeply apologize for missing the Graduate Assembly without prior notice. I had a family emergency which I found out about just half an hour before the assembly and this was the quickest I could get back to you. I am very sorry for the inconvenience I may have caused.

Leaving this incident aside, I would like to motivate my application for a Treasurer Substitute.

I am a "fresh" first year Smart Systems student at Jacobs, yet I am also returning from three eventful years as an undergraduate student here. If you cast your vote for me as a Treasurer Substitute, I would pursue the following primary goals:

1. Advertise and make easily accessible the information and guidelines of how the Jacobs master student can request and utilize GSA funding.
2. Strictly observe the monetary flow throughout the GSA and prevent any potential misspending or abuse.
3. Be highly responsive and flexible when actions need to be taken quick. Jacobs is a very dynamic place and the speed and frequency of events coming into existence could be quite frightening sometimes.

All these three given, my position of a Treasurer Substitute would be successfully enforced, as in my eyes it requires an official to act as a strong support for carrying out the activities initiated by the student body and the GSA.

I am driven by my personal experience in setting these aims. Two years ago, I was among the founding members of the "Computer Science Club" here at Jacobs and we were inspired to come into existence with a Bang. 🍻 We threw what came to be known later as "The Matrix Party" and had an amazing turnout, atmosphere, abundance of high quality beer and various refreshments. However, as I mentioned above, the time from conceiving this idea in our heads and turning it into reality was extremely short - we took no longer than two weeks! Such a feat would have never been possible without the rapid involvement and confirmation of GSA funds which, added to some professor contributions, were enough to fund the entire event. This is a great time to thank Christoph Lange, who acted as our messenger to the GSA at the time, and helped us get organized in time. Oh, and in case I forgot to mention, we got extreme attendance from both graduates and undergraduates, which was one of the few opportunities the two communities had to interact (and drink a lot of free beer 🍻).

The moral of the story, in my eyes, is that this is a practice worth continuing (not only for the beer 🍻), and the GSA should give its best to support such great initiatives. I am extremely thankful for the support we were given in the past and would heartily want to contribute in giving it to others.

With wishes for a strong fiscal semester,
Deyan

P.S. But I am not promising beer, so don't vote for me on that basis 🍻