

Date

Ms. Tatiana Vlasova

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Dear Ms. Vlasova:

I am writing to express my support for formation of an ASCE Geo-Institute Graduate Student Organization (GSO) at Somewhere University. The GSO will provide a useful formal structure for many of the existing activities of our geotechnical engineering graduate students, and it will encourage them to take on new worthwhile projects and to interact with peer organizations across the country. An especially important GSO objective is to raise awareness among undergraduates of career opportunities in geotechnical engineering.

Based on their own desire to form a GSO, our geotechnical graduate students have organized themselves and sought advice and support from the geotechnical engineering faculty and me. Financial support for GSO activities will be provided by the departmental funds, industry sources, and university grants.

The missions of the GSO and Somewhere University's graduate program in geotechnical engineering is in good alignment. They all seek to serve and promote the profession through a variety of education and outreach activities. By combining the students' enthusiasm with the support and encouragement of the geotechnical faculty, I expect that the GSO at Somewhere University will thrive.

Best regards,

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