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**Subject: Application for the position of President of the AÉCSP**

Dear students,

My name is Camille Pillot. I'm a PhD student in biomedical engineering and I'm applying today to renew my commitment as **president of the AÉCSP**.

My involvement with the association began 3 years ago in April 2021 when I joined the **events committee** as a volunteer. I took part in the rebirth of the committee after the pandemic. At the same time, I ran for the position of **administrator** of the AÉCSP, for which I was elected in May 2021. I was then elected **General Secretary** of the AÉCSP from January 2022 to April 2023. Finally, thanks to your confidence, I have been **President** of the AÉCSP since last May. These different roles have given me a global knowledge of the association and its issues, as well as more general knowledge of associations in Quebec and procedures.

During these three years, I was able to contribute to various projects aimed at improving graduate student life, and to implement new practices within the AÉCSP to ensure the smooth running of the association's activities.

Here are some of my greatest accomplishments over the past few years with the AÉCSP:

- **Internal management of the AÉCSP:** proposal of a new internal structure + revision of the general by-laws to implement this structure + writing of the 1st AÉCSP position book + epicene writing of all official AÉCSP documents.
- **Valuing involvement:** organization of the first AÉCSP involvement recognition ceremony in 2023 and improvement of the ceremony in 2024 by inviting more people and involving Polytechnique's direction + implementation of a welcome kit for new people involved in AÉCSP + official thanks to people involved during distinctive Polytechnique events + work in progress to recognize Polytechnique's experiential learning through credits.
- **Academic projects:** introduction of an excellence mention at the graduate level (proposal recently accepted by Polytechnique, to be implemented next fall) + ongoing reflection on suggested days off for research students.
- **A sense of belonging to the AÉCSP:** organization of the 1st AÉCSP reunion evening

In addition to these achievements, I've been able to work on and become familiar with the various issues facing the graduate student community at Polytechnique, such as the financing of studies, the accessibility of various services at Polytechnique and research supervision.

If you once again place your trust in me as president of your student association, I will be able to continue working on these issues and defend your interest with Polytechnique, as well as with external players such as the government via the Québec Student Union. In particular, I would like to:

- Ensure that the **new structure of the association is properly implemented** and that the transition is smooth.
- Pursue efforts to **promote involvement** by continuing the AÉCSP's involvement evening, welcome kits and reunion evening, and by continuing discussions with Polytechnique to recognize experiential learning and better promote graduate student involvement.
- Ensure that Polytechnique's excellence mention for graduate students is implemented.
- Work with Polytechnique to **improve the student research experience** (days off, funding, student room)
- Respond to your requests as needed 🙏

Finally, I believe that I have certain qualities required for the position of president such as great **organization, rigor, flexibility** in case of unforeseen events and a **good work capacity**. I also believe that I am a good **listener** to the people I work with and that I have a good **analytical** and **synthetic** mind useful to defend the positions of the association by integrating the stakes of the different actors.

I thank you for your interest in my application. I remain at your disposal for any question,

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