**Reflections on Service**

At the department level, I’m actively participating in the Board of Advisors meetings because I believe that our external advisors need to have a full picture of our activities so they can meaningfully contribute to our growth. I also enthusiastically participate in all the open houses to ensure that our department continues to attract high quality students. To ensure success of our open house, I proactively reach out to prospective students ahead of their visit to give them information about our program and have them well prepared for a rich conversation with us during their visit. I also participate in Major Affairs to inform and attract undeclared-major students to our program. I believe this service is important for both the university and the students.

I’m the computer science department’s delegate in the University senate. This service has been educational for me as I’m beginning to learn more about University governance, concerns of faculty and students in other schools and departments. I will be volunteering to help out with committees that might benefit from my input.

I have a keen interest in furthering our student’s experience during their time here. As an example, I’m an active advisor for my department students’ club, Association of Computing Machinery - Women (ACM-W). I participate in all the meetings and on-campus activities and arrange and accompany the students to off-campus conference trips. For the most recent ACM NYCWIC conference, I worked closely with our students to review and revise the poster and our efforts paid off with a best poster award. I present a yearly seminar to the students, to seed research ideas in them and these often get taken up as their senior projects. I also conducted resume workshop for our students along with Dr. Ladd in Fall 2019.

I take my advising role very seriously. I meet in person with each of my advisees at least once a semester. I take particular care to ensure that students who might be falling behind get the help that they need. I try to find out why they maybe underperforming and try to help in any way I can, including pointing out resources available to them. I encourage students who are doing well to keep them motivated. I use the advising opportunity to remind and inform students about outside university opportunities that I get to become aware of from my contacts. These include internships, research experience opportunities such as NSF’s REU program, etc.

For my professional service, I advise graduate students, review papers for journals, present and organize workshops and seminars. I also bring in experts from outside to present to the department about latest research and open opportunities in Big Data and related fields.

I also provide community service with my role as a mentor for the “Friends of India Association (FIA)”. FIA brings together students, staff, and community with interest in Indian culture and helps new students from India when they first come to Potsdam. As a mentor, I help with the club’s organization and functioning and am one of the primary organizers of FIA’s annual Diwali show.