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I am pleased to have been nominated for International Chair of the MBA Association. I am well qualified for this position for the following reasons:

I am an international student at LSU and have studied and worked in the US, Canada, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. I was born and raised in Saudi Arabia for the first 17 years of my life, and am a citizen of Jordan. I have been coming to study and work in the US as an international student for the past ten years, starting with boarding school for high school at the age of 15. During my time here, I have gained a lot of experience from living as an international student in the US and also working as a non-US citizen in the US. This includes:

- Social knowledge- such as adapting to a foreign country, integrating with peers in classes.
- Visa knowledge- such as the visa processes for international students and the visa requirements for working non-US citizens after graduation.
- Sponsorship knowledge- such as finding and communicating with companies that sponsor international students.

Being a true international student myself, born and raised outside of the US, I can relate with the concerns international students have today when they migrate to the US. In my experience, I have become knowledgeable about student visas and work permit sponsorship. Not only from my own experience, but also from my six older siblings who all have either studied and/or worked in the US as internationals.

Over the past 10 years as a foreigner in the US, I have become very comfortable in the US and truly want to share my international knowledge and experiences with other students in the Flores MBA program. As international chair I will be driven to:

- Help international students adapt and integrate with peers in classes.
- Generate greater awareness to the different cultures we have around us and with us in this program.
- Bridge gaps between international students and US citizens through international events, contributing to a positive environment for all in the MBA program.

I would be honored to serve as the Flores MBA International Chair. In this capacity I will relate, guide and provide international students with a pleasurable experience as an LSU Tiger.