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At the UAE Graduate Students Research Conference (GSRC 2025), hosted by the American University of Sharjah, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Prof. Tod A. Laursen for championing the conference, Prof Arif Al Hammadi for chairing the steering committee, and Prof Mohamed El-Tarhuni for leading the conference. Over 600 papers and posters were presented by graduate students, which is truly remarkable. I am passionate about supporting the graduate students community.

It was very pleasing to see HE. Dr Abdullah Belhaif Al Nuaimi (Chairman of Sharjah Consultative Council), who delivered an excellent keynote address, alongside HE Dr. Mohammad Al Mualla, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the UAE, who delivered an inspiring welcoming speech. Many presidents of UAE universities were also in attendance, which demonstrates a strong commitment to supporting research students.

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