

**The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)  
The Pennsylvania State University**



**of the 65th Assembly**  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Co-sponsorship of the PSU vs. MSU Blood Donor Challenge  
Support of the Student Red Cross Club blood drives**

(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) mission is accomplished by  
3 “supporting scholarly activities and providing leadership, service, and social opportunities”. This  
4 is the driving force for all committees of the GPSA. The Community Service Committee would  
5 like to pursue the mission of the GPSA by promoting and supporting community service  
6 opportunities with other student organizations by providing support through co-sponsorship of  
7 the Student Red Cross Club (SRCC) for their university-wide blood donor challenge.

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9 The PSU vs MSU Blood Donor Challenge is a challenge occurring every November, in which  
10 PSU and MSU compete to raise as many blood donations as possible. This year is the 22nd year  
11 PSU and MSU compete, with PSU leading 13-9 in the series. Last year PSU raised over 1,000  
12 donors and involved over 50 student organizations. The challenge encompasses 15 blood drives  
13 on campus. The SRCC works directly with the local Centre County American Red Cross chapter  
14 to make this challenge possible.

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16 The SRCC is organizing the Challenge this year to occur November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 through November  
17 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They are attempting to organize university wide support of the challenge and have  
18 historically requested support in various forms of the Graduate and Professional Student  
19 Association, University Park Undergraduate Association, Association of Residence Hall  
20 Students, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and the University  
21 Park Allocation Committee. The SRCC partners with a variety of local business as well. The  
22 drives for this year’s challenge are as follows:

Date	Hours	Location	Goal
11/02/15	10:00am – 04:00pm	HUB, Alumni Hall	85
11/03/15	10:00am – 04:00pm	HUB, Alumni Hall	85
11/04/15	12:00pm – 06:00pm	Waring Commons, Study Lounges	65
11/04/15	01:30pm – 06:30pm	Pollock Halls Lobby	30
11/05/15	01:00pm – 06:30pm	Pollock Halls Lobby	30
11/06/16	10:00am – 04:00pm	Hammond Building, Kunkle Lounge	60
11/09/15	01:30pm – 07:00pm	Warnock Commons, Study Lounges	45
11/09/15	01:00pm – 07:00pm	Findlay Commons, Room 124	50
11/10/15	01:00pm – 07:00pm	Findlay Commons, Room 124	50
11/11/15	10:00am – 04:00pm	Hintz Alumni Center - Dining Room	50
11/11/15	09:00am – 02:30pm	Millennium Science Complex, N201/3	35
11/16/15	10:00am – 04:00pm	HUB, Alumni Hall	85
11/17/15	10:00am – 04:00pm	HUB, Alumni Hall	85
11/18/15	09:00am – 07:00pm	HUB, Alumni Hall	170
11/19/15	09:00am – 09:00pm	HUB, Alumni Hall	120

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Historically, the GPSA has provided financial support to the SRCC to ensure the success of the challenge. The recent history of total donations and GPSA funding amount is provided for reference.

Year	Total Units	Amount Funded
2010	2018	\$6,244.00
2011	1778	\$6,500.00
2012	1552	\$7,664.54
2013	1569	\$2,500.00
2014	1061	\$2,500.00

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**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Publicity and Media Committee and the Community Service Committee to publicize and promote all drives that are part of the 2015 PSU v. MSU Blood Donor Challenge. This includes but is not limited to: advertising each drive through all available electronic communication methods, posting provided posters in various locations on campus, and distributing fliers/handouts to individuals throughout the campus.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Service Committee to specifically sponsor the drive occurring on 11/11/15 in the Millennium Science Complex, Room N201/203. This includes but is not limited to: organizing the setup/cleanup of the drive location, advertising the drive, recruiting donors, and recruiting volunteers.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Service Committee to co-sponsor the 2015 PSU v. MSU Blood Donor Challenge by committing financial support in the amount of \$4,000.00 to support the purchase of the Challenge T-shirts that are given to each presenting donor at each drive. See attached pricing quote for Challenge t-shirts. Also see an attached preliminary t-shirt design.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jesse Scott**  
Delegate, College of Engineering

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Delegate, Inter-College Degree Program

President \_\_\_\_\_ Affirm Veto

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