

Bill # 65-11

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



**of the 65th Assembly**  
11/4/2015

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

**Sponsorship of Tree Decoration for the Festival of Trees**  
**Support of the Centre County United Way**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 All committees of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) are tasked with  
4 the mission of “providing leadership, service, and social opportunities”. The Community Service  
5 Committee would like to pursue the mission of the GPSA by provide financial support and  
6 volunteer service to the Centre County United Way’s 21<sup>st</sup> annual Festival of Trees set for  
7 December 11-13, 2015. This initiative would allow for members of the GPSA to work  
8 collectively in serving the Centre County community in collaboration with the United Way.  
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10 The Centre County United way partners with local agencies to help provide vital services to  
11 families in need including “day care to children of working parents, health and safety courses,  
12 adoption services, and youth leadership programs, in addition to emergency services like food  
13 and shelter”. The Festival of Trees is a weekend-long event celebrating the holiday season which  
14 showcases a display of live trees decorated by local businesses and organizations for the  
15 community to enjoy. The GPSA’s participation in this event will provide a service and social  
16 opportunity to volunteers and foster connections with community organizations and their efforts.  
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18 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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20 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Service  
21 Committee to utilize up to \$100 of unrestricted funds (non-SAF) for sponsoring a live tree to be  
22 decorated and put on display at the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology  
23 (CPI) for the duration of The Festival of Trees. Proceeds will help support Centre County United

1 Way's 35 Partner Agencies in their efforts to provide goods and services to the community at  
2 large.

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4 The Community Service Committee asks for monetary donations from willing delegates in  
5 support of the \$100 sponsorship fee, time donation by willing delegates in support of the creation  
6 of decorations, and social involvement by willing delegates in the decoration and cleanup of the  
7 tree. The \$100 donation will reserve a 6-8' live tree promoting the GPSA (by way of our  
8 decorations) to be displayed and later donated to a family in need assuming our assent.  
9 Volunteers will be needed to create decorations, for tree decoration at CPI (Thursday, December  
10 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM), as well as for tree teardown at CPI (Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 PM  
11 -5:15 PM). There may be additional volunteer opportunities for this event based on Centre  
12 County United Way's need.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, College of the Liberal Arts

**Jesse Scott**  
Delegate, College of Engineering

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

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