

Bill # 65-15

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



of the 65th Assembly
November 18, 2015

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

TEDxPSU Co-Sponsorship **Funding for TEDxPSU/TEDxPSU media support** (Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 TEDxPSU, an independently organized TED event, was brought to the Penn State community in
4 2010. The mission of the event is to bring together innovative and thought-provoking individuals
5 from the Penn State community and the world to share ideas worth spreading. Using a blend of
6 live talks and pre-recorded videos, TEDxPSU unites the University community and kicks off a
7 dialogue about the challenges and opportunities facing our society.

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9 This year's annual conference is scheduled for February 28, 2016 in Schwab Auditorium. Each
10 year, the conference serves approximately 700 attendees, including professors, graduate students,
11 undergraduate students, and members of the community. The daylong conference features a wide
12 range of speakers to discuss issues facing our society. Admission is free, and all talks are live
13 streamed and recorded.

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15 TEDxPSU desired to have a greater graduate student presence at this event. TEDxPSU's mission
16 and the spirit of shared ideas and innovation is relevant to the graduate student population.

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18 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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20 The Graduate and Professional Student Association shall co-sponsor the 2016 TEDxPSU
21 conference.
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1 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes \$1,500 for TEDxPSU to cover
2 food expenses at the conference. This expense will help cover lunch for all attendees, speakers,
3 volunteers, and staff attending or working the event.

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5 The Graduate and Professional Student Association shall forward pertinent TEDxPSU messages
6 to its graduate student constituents and promote TEDxPSU through its communications networks
7 leading up to the 2016 event.

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Respectfully submitted,

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President _____

Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association