

Bill #65-17

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



of the 65th Assembly
January 13, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Co-Sponsorship of Healthcare Literacy 101 Workshops
Funding for Health Care Workshops**
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Part of the GPSA’s mission is to provide programming events to enrich graduate student life at
4 Penn State. Over the past two years, health insurance and healthcare have been important areas
5 of concern for graduate students, specifically costs of health care, adequate health insurance
6 coverage, and available healthcare services. Students have constantly expressed their concerns
7 and questions surrounding health insurance and health care, and Penn State formed a Task Force
8 to specifically address these issues in summer of 2014. The GPSA has consistently identified
9 healthcare and insurance as extremely important topics for graduate students.

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11 In spring of 2015, the GPSA sponsored a financial literacy workshop with the hope of additional
12 workshops in 2015-2016. With the assistance of the Graduate School, two Healthcare Literacy
13 101 workshops are planned for January 25 and 26 from 5:30-7 PM in 100 Life Sciences
14 Building. These workshops will be live-streamed and recorded with links to the recordings
15 available on the Graduate School and GPSA websites subsequent to the events. To encourage
16 students to attend, food and drinks will be offered following the events.

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18 The proposed Healthcare Workshops will cover general questions and concerns about health care
19 in the United States as well as specific health care available at Penn State. The workshops will
20 provide time for general questions and answers followed by informational tables during a time
21 when students can mingle with the speakers, ask more specific questions and enjoy food and
22 drinks. The agenda for the workshops is as follows:

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1 **I. Formal Presentation (40 mins)**

2 Brief high-level overview of the US health care system, and health insurance

3 *Mary Beth Jenkins, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer,*

4 *UPMC Health Plan (January 25 only)*

5 *David Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, UPMC – Altoona Physician Group*

6 *Management (January 25 & 26)*

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8 Comparison of health insurance plans to illustrates how health insurance works

9 *Karen Kline, Manager of UHS Student Insurance*

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11 Brief overview of services provided by University Health Service

12 *Robin Oliver, Director of UHS*

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14 **II. Public Question and Answer Session (up to 20 mins)**

15 General questions about health care, health insurance and UHS

16 *Michael Verderame, Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School*

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18 **III. Information Tables (30 min)**

19 Have a series of tables staffed by:

20 UHS & University’s student health insurance office

21 Two healthcare speakers from formal presentation

22 GPSA

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24 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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26 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the healthcare committee to
27 purchase pizza and soda for two healthcare workshops scheduled for January 25 and 26, 2016.

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29 Pizza: \$300

30 Soda: \$100

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32 In addition, the GPSA agrees to assist in publicizing these events and provide hands-on
33 assistance during the events. The Healthcare Committee requests that representatives from
34 GPSA, including healthcare/insurance liaisons, be present during and after the event to help
35 answer questions that students may have.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Healthcare Committee / Delegate, College of Agricultural Sciences

President _____

Affirm

Veto