

Bill # 65-20

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



of the 65th Assembly
2/24/2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

GPSA Spring Food Drive
Funding for Necessary Supplies to Conduct the Food Drive
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 The State College area food banks are in constant need of food donations throughout the year in
4 order to provide food for those in need. While supply typically peaks during Thanksgiving and
5 the Holidays, these food banks need to service this community the entire year.

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7 The mission of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), in striving to enrich
8 the experience of graduate and professional students, shall be to provide leadership, social, and
9 service opportunities to the graduate and professional student body; and Events and activities to
10 promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students and their families.

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12 The Community Service Committee has agreed that the GPSA should support both the Penn
13 State and the State College Community by providing a service opportunity for graduate and
14 professional students that will result in less students and community members being hungry
15 during a time of year when they are most in need and supplies are at their lowest.

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17 The food drive will entail a partnership between local area food banks, grocery stores, and PSU
18 students. The students will ask the patrons of the local supermarkets to purchase additional non-
19 perishable food items will making their regular purchases. These additional items will be
20 dropped off to the PSU students when the patrons are leaving the grocery stores. In turn, the
21 students will deliver these goods to the local area food banks so that they can be stored and
22 distributed by the staff at the food pantries.

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1 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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3 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Service
4 Committee to purchase the following items in order to support the food drive coordinated by the
5 Service Committee currently scheduled for April 19th 2016.

6	Estimated Expenses:	
7	Flyers and Posters	\$ 50.00
8	Water for Volunteers	\$ 20.00
9	Snacks for Volunteers	\$ 30.00
10	Vehicle Rental to Transport Donations	\$100.00
11	(2) Banners to Use During Event	\$ 50.00
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13	TOTAL	\$250.00

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16 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Secretary and requests that
17 each delegate communicate with the graduate and professional student body to solicit volunteers
18 and donors for this food collection drive.

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20 Respectfully submitted,

Steven Di Grazia
Delegate, Smeal College of Business

Jesse Scott
Delegate, College of Engineering
Chair, Community Service Committee

President _____ Affirm Veto

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