

Bill #65-23

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



of the 65th Assembly
February 24, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Great Debate Funding

Sponsoring the College Republicans and College Democrats' annual "Great Debate" event.

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Part of the Graduate and Professional Student Association's mission is to support programming
4 events of interest to graduate and professional students and the scholarly community at Penn
5 State. For two out of the past three years, Penn State's two prominent political groups have
6 teamed up to host a "Great Debate," pitting one Democrat and one Republican politician against
7 each other for a night of friendly discussion. Previous Republicans include former Speaker Newt
8 Gingrich and Congressman Ron Paul. Previous Democrats include former White House Press
9 Secretary Robert Gibbs and Congressman Barney Frank.

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11 The Great Debate will happen again this spring in Schwab Auditorium (date TBD). The event
12 has sold out at both prior events and is attended by a diverse cross-section of the university
13 community, include graduate and professional students.

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15 The Great Debate organizers are working to secure funding for this year's event.

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17 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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19 The GPSA will provide \$2,000 total to the College Republicans and College Democrats to use
20 for speaker honoraria.

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22 The GPSA agrees to publicize the event through all relevant communication channels.

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- 1 The College Republicans and College Democrats will accept one GPSA representative to assist
- 2 in event planning, per university co-sponsorship guidelines.
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Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horne
President

President _____ Affirm Veto

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