Bill # 69-04

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

of the 69th Assembly
April 24, 2019

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Fall 2019 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill
Funding for Participant’s Lunches
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA’s Professional Development Committee gives voice to the interests and needs of graduate and professional students by promoting professional and scholarly activity. The Graduate Writing Boot Camp is designed to support graduate and professional students in meeting their writing goals by providing a quiet and supportive writing environment. In order to promote healthy and productive writing habit, participants will meet for 5 hours once a week for six weeks throughout the semester. Sessions will be available two days a week, allowing students to pick the day that best fits their schedule. Two six-weeks sessions will be held, allowing participants to have more dedicated writing time throughout the semester and also opening more slots for graduate and professional students to participate. The Writing Boot Camp includes dedicated writing time in the library and guest speakers in a variety of topics from healthy habits to writing tools. We will provide a quiet space for students to write, a lunch every week, and a support group of people trying to achieve writing goals.

Each week will start with lunch and a presentation from speakers around campus, followed by 4 hours of dedicated writing time. For the first session, registration will be open during the first week of the semester. For the second session, registration will open at the end of September. Each session will hold up to 20 participants.
We invite any graduate or professional students working on dissertations, theses, capstone projects or important research papers to apply to participate.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week.

Box Lunches: Catered by Irving’s, $12 per lunch

20 participants + 1 volunteer, 12 weeks, 2 days per week

**Total: $6,048**

Respectfully submitted,

**Terry Torres Cruz**
Delegate, College of Agricultural Sciences

President ___________________________ Affirm Veto

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