of the 69th Assembly
October 2, 2019

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Graduate Student Pottery Decorating
Funding for pottery and studio fee
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

Part of GPSA’s mission is to plan events that promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students at Penn State. Graduate school can be a stressful time and during the semester students can be overwhelmed by classes, research, and other responsibilities. In order to destress, the programming committee wishes to sponsor an event where students across multiple disciplines can take a break and decorate pottery together at 2000 degrees in downtown State College.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the programming subcommittee to rent studio time at 2000 degrees on Thursday October 24, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 PM (tentatively). The programming subcommittee is also authorized to provide graduate students with a voucher for $15 to use towards purchasing pottery to decorate. The requested dollar amount is based on 40 graduate students in attendance.

Studio reservation (per person): $6 x 40= $240
Pottery vouchers: $15 x 40= $600
Total Requested: $840

Respectfully submitted,

**Yashasvika Duggal**  
Delegate, Eberly College of Science.

President ____________________________ Affirm    Veto

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

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Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Fall Social Hour
Funding request for food to be served at social gathering
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA plays an important role in connecting graduate and professional students across various departments and fields. The Programming Committee wishes to sponsor an event that will allow graduate and professional students from all fields to meet and socialize in a non-academic setting. To this end, the Committee would like to hold a “Happy Hour” or “Social Hour” event at Café 210 West. The proposed event will bring together graduate and professional students and provide them with an opportunity to network with students in vastly different fields from their own.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the programming committee to spend $725.70 to support a social event open to graduate and professional students on (tentatively) Thursday, October 10th, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Café 210 West. The requested dollar amount includes the reservation of the room and various appetizer platters. The cost breakdown is below:

- Room reservation fee: $150
- Nacho bar: $125
1 Veggie tray (v): $100
2 Skillet fries (gf): $75
3 Wrap bites: $100
4 Non-alcoholic beverages: $65
5 Subtotal: $615
6 Gratuity (18%): $110.70
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8 Total: $725.70

Respectfully submitted,

Grace A. Usher
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

President _________________________________________ Affirm  Veto

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Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Fall Professional Head Shots  
Funding for Professional Head Shots for Graduate Students  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

Part of GPSA’s mission is to promote professional and job-related opportunities for graduate and professional students. Establishing a professional identity usually requires professional headshots, which can be used on LinkedIn and other professional-related digital sources.

In order to provide an ample range of times for graduate and professional students to get their headshots taken, there will be two days with three hours of available slots on each day. Each headshot takes approximately 5 minutes, allowing up to 72 participants. Registration will be advertised through the GPSA Newswire and via the GPSA Facebook page prior to the event.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Professional Development Committee will hold a professional headshot event for graduate and professional students in HUB 134 on two consecutive dates the week of November 4th, 2019. Headshots at the past several events have been taken by photographer Michael Davis, whose work can be found at [www.mtdphotography.com](http://www.mtdphotography.com). Exact dates and times are TBD based on the photographer’s availability.
Photography Service: $800 ($125/hour x 6 hours + $50 set up fee)
HUB Set up fee: $140 ($70/day)
Facebook Advertising: $60

Total: $1,000

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Young
Delegate, College of Engineering

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Resolution # 69-01
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The Pennsylvania State University

of the 69th Assembly
October 2nd, 2019

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Constitutional Amendment
Faculty Senators
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:
Currently there is no distinction between the two Faculty Senators. One Faculty Senator is appointed by GPSA. The other Faculty Senator is voted on by the graduate student body during yearly elections. The Faculty Senator who is voted on by the graduate student body should not be considered a voting member of GPSA executive board because they are not representative of both the graduate and professional students at large.

Recommended Course of Action:
It is proposed that the GPSA adopt the following amendment to the GPSA Constitution:

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Constitution will now read:
The following shall be considered members of the Executive Board:
1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. University GPSA Faculty Senators
6. Graduate School Student Faculty Senator*

76. Chair of the Graduate Council Student Caucus*

87. Chief Justice*

98. Speaker of the Assembly*

109. Advisor*

*Non-voting member

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION B. Voting of the Constitution will now read:

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the University GPSA Faculty Senators shall be considered voting members of the Executive Board. Quorum shall be 2/3 of the voting members.

A simple majority carries the vote. The presiding officer of the Executive Board shall only vote in the event of a tie.

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION E. University Faculty Senators of the Constitution will now read:

The University Faculty Senators shall attend all meetings of the University Faculty Senate and assigned committees. The University Faculty Senator representing the GPSA (GPSA Faculty Senator) shall be bound by the legislative authority of the GPSA and be a voting member of the executive board., while The University Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body (Graduate School Student Faculty Senator) shall not be bound by the legislative authority of the GPSA nor be a voting member of the executive board.

ARTICLE XIV – ELECTIONS, SECTION A. of the Constitution will now read:

Elections shall be held once a year in the spring semester. All elections shall be carried out in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws. Elections for the Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates, University Graduate School Student Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body, and University Park Allocation Committee representatives shall be conducted in accordance with their respective governing documents.

ARTICLE XIV, SECTION C. of the Constitution will now read:

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and University Park Allocation Committee representatives shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast in the election by the graduate and professional student body. The Graduate School Student Faculty Senator representing only the graduate student body and Graduate Council Student Caucus Delegates shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast in the election by the graduate student body. The GPSA Faculty Senator representing the GPSA shall be filled by presidential appointment and approved by a majority vote of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Burton
Delegate, College of Agricultural Sciences
The Graduate and Professional Student Association