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

of the 69th Assembly
September 18, 2019

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,
2019 Winter Gala
Funding for Dinner Dance Expenses
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:
The Graduate and Professional Student Association is responsible to enrich graduate life at Penn State. Over the past several years, the Winter Gala has become the cornerstone social program of the fall semester sponsored by GPSA. It’s an opportunity to bring all graduate students together for an enjoyable evening at the end of the fall semester before final exams and fall graduation. The event comprises a buffet-style catered dinner, followed by a DJ and dancing. Additionally, there is a charitable component of the event, through which attendees are encouraged to support the local community. This year, the programming subcommittee is working with the community outreach subcommittee to coordinate this.

Recommended Course of Action:
The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the following expenses for the Programming subcommittee as part of the 2019 Winter Gala, which will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn the first weekend of December. Students and guests will be charged a $15 admission fee to recoup some of the costs of the event. It is anticipated that 200 tickets will be sold and therefore
$300 will be returned to our ASA account following the event. There will be a cash bar present, but no alcohol will be paid for by Student Activities Funds in accordance with Penn State policies.

- Dance Floor Rental - **$354** ($300 + $54 service charge)
- Dinner Buffet - **$9,204** ($39/plate x 200 plates = $7,800 + 18% gratuity = $1,404)

**Tentative Menu**

**Appetizer:**
- Gourmet Salad du Jour
- Seasonal Vegetable Display with Variety of Pickled, Grilled, Marinated, and Fresh Vegetables Served with Red Pepper Aioli
- Bread Station with Rolls and Butter

**Dinner:**
- Chef-Carved Prime Rib with Roasted Garlic au Jus and Creamy Horseradish
- Herb-Roasted Chicken with Chicken Veloute
- Grilled Salmon with Tomato Citrus Vinaigrette
- Chive and Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes

**Side Dishes:**
- Artisan Rolls with Butter
- Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert:**
- Raspberry Chocolate Cake

- Disc Jockey + Photo Booth + Up-lighting - **$1,025.00** (Contract tentative with “And We Danced”)

- Decorations - **$100**

**Total:** **$10,683**

Respectfully submitted,

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Programming Subcommittee Chair
Delegate, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

President__________________________Affirm Veto

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