

Bill # 69-17

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



**of the 69th Assembly**  
December 4, 2019

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Spring 2020 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill**  
**Funding for Participant’s Lunches**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 GPSA’s Professional Development Committee gives voice to the interests and needs of graduate  
4 and professional students by promoting professional and scholarly activity. The Graduate Writing  
5 Boot Camp is designed to support graduate and professional students in meeting their writing goals  
6 by providing a quiet and supportive writing environment. In order to promote healthy and  
7 productive writing habits, participants will meet for two sessions throughout the Spring semester.  
8 The first session will occur during the first 6 weeks of the Spring semester and will meet for 5  
9 hours once a week for five weeks The second session will occur after Spring Break and will meet  
10 for 5 hours once a week for 4 weeks. Each session will be available two days a week, allowing  
11 students to pick the day that best fits their schedule. Holding two sessions allows more participants  
12 to dedicate writing time throughout the semester by opening more slots for graduate and  
13 professional students to participate. The Writing Boot Camp includes dedicated writing time in the  
14 library and guest speakers in a variety of topics from healthy habits to writing tools. We will  
15 provide a quiet space for students to write, a lunch every week, and a support group of people  
16 trying to achieve writing goals.

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18 Each week will start with lunch and a presentation from speakers around campus, followed by 4  
19 hours of dedicated writing time. For the first session, registration will be open during the first week  
20 of the semester. For the second session, registration will open at the end of February. Each session

21 will hold up to 20 participants. The Professional Development Committee will accept requests for  
22 participation once dates and locations are confirmed. Information on the event will be disseminated  
23 to the graduate student population. Once all requests are received, the committee will review and  
24 accept as many qualified students as possible. A qualified student is one who can commit to all  
25 workshops in a given session for the duration of the workshop (5 hours). In the event there is more  
26 applicants than space available and another location is not available, students will be notified and  
27 offered to go on a wait-list, in the event there are no-shows or cancellations.

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29 We invite any graduate or professional students working on dissertations, theses, capstone projects  
30 or important research papers to apply to participate.

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32 **Recommended Course of Action:**  
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34 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development  
35 Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week for the two sessions in Spring  
36 2020.

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38 Box Lunches: Catered by Irving's, \$12 per lunch  
39 20 participants + 1 volunteer, 9 weeks, 2 days per week  
40 **Total: \$4,536**

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert F. Griggs**  
Delegate, College of Education

President \_\_\_\_\_ Affirm Veto

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