Bill # 69-17

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

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 ])

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 habits, participants will meet for two sessions throughout the Spring semester. The first session will occur during the first 6 weeks of the Spring semester and will meet for 5 hours once a week for five weeks. The second session will occur after Spring Break and will meet for 5 hours once a week for 4 weeks. Each session will be available two days a week, allowing students to pick the day that best fits their schedule. Holding two sessions allows more participants to dedicate writing time throughout the semester by 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 February. Each session
will hold up to 20 participants. The Professional Development Committee will accept requests for participation once dates and locations are confirmed. Information on the event will be disseminated to the graduate student population. Once all requests are received, the committee will review and accept as many qualified students as possible. A qualified student is one who can commit to all workshops in a given session for the duration of the workshop (5 hours). In the event there is more applicants than space available and another location is not available, students will be notified and offered to go on a wait-list, in the event there are no-shows or cancellations.

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 for the two sessions in Spring 2020.

Box Lunches: Catered by Irving’s, $12 per lunch
- 20 participants + 1 volunteer, 9 weeks, 2 days per week

**Total:** $4,536

Respectfully submitted,

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

President ___________________________________________________      Affirm      Veto

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