Bill #67-03

The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)

The Pennsylvania State University

of the 67th Assembly

4/12/2017

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Fall 2017 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill

Funding for Participants' 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 mission of this subcommittee is to plan and execute events that benefit students in their journey through their degree. 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. Sessions will be available two days a week, allowing students to pick the day that best fits their schedule. Two six week 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. Boot Camp includes dedicated writing time in the library and guest speakers to help participants better understand and practice healthy habits. Included in the $25 participation fee is lunch every week, a quiet place to write, and a support group of people trying to achieve similar writing goals.

This semester the first sessions of Graduate Writing Boot Camp will take place from the week of Sept. 4 to the week of Oct. 9, with each group meeting once a week. The second sessions will take place from the week of Oct. 23 to the week of Nov. 27. 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 25 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:

That Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week and to purchase power strips to better accommodate students with laptops during the GWBC.

Total Allocation Request: $6,768

Box Lunches
Catered by Irvings, $10.75 per lunch
25 participants + 1 volunteer, 12 weeks, 2 days per week
Sub-total: $6,708

Power Cords
Sub-total: $60

Registration Fees
$25 per participant
100 participants
Sub-total: $2500

Net cost to GPSA: $4,268

Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, Inter-College Degree Programs

President _____ Affirm Veto

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