Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Science Policy Society Town Hall Co-Sponsorship
Funding for Town Hall Event
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:
On October 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2017, the Science Policy Society (SPS) will be hosting a town hall event titled “The Philosophy of Science: Humanity’s Hobby”. This event will feature a New York Times best-selling author of science philosophy, Sam Kean, as well as leading Penn State scientists in philosophy and anthropology. The entire event will be moderated by Carolyn Donaldson, current news anchor of WTAJ. The goal of this event is to enable members of the Penn State and surrounding communities to learn about the history of the scientific endeavor, how we’ve conducted science, and what counts as science. Further we’ll open for questions and discussion to dig into the past and future of science. In addition to this town hall session, SPS is planning events throughout the day to afford graduate students the opportunity to meet with Sam Kean in a smaller setting.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association is responsible in part to provide support of scholarly activities and professional development. This event is of direct interest to students across the university as an interdisciplinary event targeting the ethical, political, and scientific impacts of science.

Recommended Course of Action:
The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the co-sponsorship of this event in the amount of $2,071.90. These funds will cover the cost of the room rental ($60/hr/2hrs), audio/visual equipment ($126), flight ($325.90), and honorarium ($1500) for the town hall event.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association will actively participate in planning the event.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association will assist the Science Policy Society in providing publicity leading up to the event.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Graduate and Professional Student Association