of the 67th Assembly
October 11, 2017

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

2017 Winter Gala
Funding for Dinner Dance Expenses
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 Nature of the Situation:
2 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 community service subcommittee is working with the programming subcommittee to coordinate this. While not finalized, they plan on having a station to write letters to either children in hospitals or people in nursing homes along with collecting donations.

2 Recommended Course of Action:
3 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the following expenses for the Programming subcommittee as part of the 2017 Winter Gala, which will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn from 6-10 PM on December 2, 2017. Students and guests will be charged a $15
admission fee to recoup some of the costs of the event. It is anticipated that 175 tickets will be
sold and therefore $2625 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.

- Security Deposit (non-refundable) - $200
- Dinner Buffet - $7434.00 ($36/plate x 175 plates + 18% gratuity)

Tentative Menu

Appetizer:
- Salad Display with Seasonal Toppings and Selection of Three Dressings
- Seasonal Vegetable Display with Variety of Pickled, Grilled, Marinated,
  and Fresh Vegetables Served with Red Pepper Aioli
- Bread Station with Rolls and Butter

Dinner:
- Cucumber Salad with Tomato, Mint, Flat Leaf Parsley, and Mild Green
  Chili; Dressed with Olive Oil, Lemon, and Scallions
- Berkshire Short Ribs with Apples
- Chicken Cacciatore
- Bouillabaisse of Seafood Including Scallops, Mussels, Squid, and Shrimp

Side Dishes:
- Creamy Polenta
- Roasted Fennel and Baby Crimini Mushrooms

Dessert:
- Triple Chocolate Cake

-Disc Jockey + Photo Booth + Up-lighting - $900.00 (Contract tentative with “And We
  Danced”)
-Decorations - $100

Total : $8634.00

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Wolstenholme
Delegate, At-large

Shenli Pei
Chair, Programming Subcommittee
Delegate, College of Engineering

President ____________________________________________________________________________  Affirm      Veto
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The Graduate and Professional Student Association