Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Graduate Writing Boot Camp

Creating a dedicated space for focused writing for graduate and professional students
(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. 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 Jan. 22 to the week of Feb. 26, with each group meeting once a week (Monday & Tuesday). Each week will start with lunch and some weeks will have a presentation from speakers around campus, followed by 4-5 hours of dedicated writing time. Registration will be open during the first week of the semester. Each session will hold up to 20 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 the Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week.

Total Allocation Request: $3100.00

**Box Lunches**

- Catered by Irvings, $12.00 per lunch
- (20 participants + 1 volunteer) x 6 weeks x 2 days per week = 252 lunches
- Sub-total: $3,024.00

**Registration Fees**

- $25.00 per participant
- 40 participants
- Sub-total: -$1,000.00

*Net cost to GPSA: $2,024.00*

Respectfully submitted,

**Gerald L. Knapp**
Delegate, Intercollegiate Graduate Degree Programs

**Alex Zhao**
Delegate, Eberly College of Science
Chair, Professional Development Committee

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President ________________________________ Affirm Veto

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