Bill/Resolution # 68-04

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

of the 68th Assembly
April 25, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Fall 2017 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 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 weeks 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. Book 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 session of Graduate Writing Boot Camp will take place from the week of Sept. 10 to the week of Oct. 15 with each group meeting once a week. The second session will take place from the week of Oct. 22 to the week of Dec 4th. 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 the September. 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:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week.

**Total Allocation Request: $6,048**

**Box Lunches:**
- Catered by Irvings, $12 per lunch
- 20 participants + 1 volunteer, 12 weeks, 2 days per week
- Will receive about $25*40 participants*2 sessions = $2000 back.
- In total, GPSA will pay $4,048

Respectfully submitted,

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President ____________________________________________________ Affirm  Veto

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