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

of the 68th Assembly  
September 12, 2018  

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,  
2018 Winter Gala  
Funding for Dinner Dance Expenses  
(Decided: [Y / N / A])  

Nature of the Situation:  
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 community outreach subcommittee to coordinate this.  

Recommended Course of Action:  
The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the following expenses for the Programming committee as part of the 2018 Winter Gala, which will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn the first weekend of December. Students and guests will be charged a $15 admission fee to recoup some of the costs of the event. It is anticipated that 250 tickets will be sold and therefore $3750 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 - $10,620 ($36/plate x 250 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
- Creamy Polenta
- Roasted Fennel and Baby Crimini Mushrooms

Dessert:
- Decadent Flourless Chocolate Torte

- Disc Jockey + Photo Booth + Up-lighting - $1000.00 (Contract tentative with “And We Danced”)

- Dance Floor Rental - $400

- Decorations - $100

Total: $12,320

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Wolstenholme
Programming Subcommittee Chair
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

President________________________________________________Affirm Veto

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