Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**GWIS Voices Co-Sponsorship**

Funding for conference food costs for Voices, a conference hosted by the Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), Penn State Chapter

(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association supports groups on campus that host relevant and enriching events. One such event is the Voices Conference hosted by the Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), Penn State Chapter; it has been held since 2005. The Voice Conference is attended by 100-150 graduate, professional, undergraduate and now high school students, by all genders and across various departments. The conference will take place February 2, 2019 at the Atherton Hotel. The event runs from 9am - 4:30 pm; breakfast and lunch are provided to participants. The conference schedule includes two session speakers (Dr. Karl Boksh & Dr. Wendy Hanna-Rose), a keynote speaker (Dr. Jedidah Isler), a panel of five people, and two interactive break-out workshops (Dr. Maureen Mulvihill and Dr. Cary Supalo). This year’s theme is “Taking Action,” which will appeal to a broad audience.

GWIS obtains funding from sources such as the University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW). These sources cover venue costs and travel expenses for the speakers. However, GWIS needs additional funding to help cover the cost of food which is not covered by UPAC. GPSA will be recognized for their contribution in recruitment emails, programs distributed to all attendees, and verbally at the conference. Food
costs from previous years have come to just under $3,000 for breakfast, coffee, lunch, and gratuity for over 100 people. The remainder of food costs not covered by GPSA will be supplied by registration costs for the conference (details in the co-sponsorship form)

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes financial support of $2,000 to go towards co-sponsoring the Voices Conference Lunch catered by Atherton Hotel. This amount will be payable by invoice to the Atherton Hotel.

**Total: $2,000**

Respectfully submitted,

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