Bill # 69-19

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

of the 69th Assembly
January 29, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Bike Safety Event
Program to provide helmets and bike safety information to students
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA is committed to advocating for more affordable and safe transportation options for graduate and professional students on and near campus. Many graduate and professional students commute by bicycle to campus. However, GPSA recognizes that bicycle helmets are very expensive and often difficult for graduate and professional students to afford. Therefore, we propose that GPSA offer a Bike Safety event where graduate and professional students can learn about bike safety and receive a free helmet. The helmets are one-size-fits-most and GPSA intends to purchase the helmets from the Bike Shop in State College. GPSA will also partner with the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) to put on this Bike Safety event. The UPUA will also purchase 50 bike helmets and will make space reservations. We hope to partner with other campus offices and community resources, such as the Centre Region Bicycle Coalition and Light the Night, to bring in other information about bike safety. We hope that this event will encourage graduate and professional students to learn more about bike safety and give them the resources to practice bike safety techniques while commuting to and from campus.
Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Speaker of the Assembly or Executive Board to purchase the following items for the Bike Safety event. The proposed date for the event is late March, before the election period, when the weather is nicer.

Helmets: $38x50 helmets = $1,900

Total: $1,900

Respectfully submitted,

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