Bill # 69-20

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

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Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

College of Engineering Research Symposium (CERS) Co-Sponsorship
Funding for CERS Luncheon
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

This year the Engineering Graduate Student Council is organizing the 17th Annual College of Engineering Research Symposium (CERS). The event date is set for April 14th at the Nittany Lion Inn. The symposium features research papers, posters and oral presentations in several engineering and science disciplines by primarily graduate students with some additional given by undergraduate students. CERS provides a professional platform for students to showcase their research to faculty members, industry representatives, and other student researchers from various fields. At the conclusion of the event, research/travel grants are awarded to students in each presentation category.

This is an all-day free admission event with a morning session and an afternoon session separated by a luncheon. This luncheon provides some time for talks by the CERS Chair, industry representatives, President Baron, and the Keynote Speaker. This year’s Keynote Speaker is Matthew Melis, a NASA Program Element Manager for the Game Changing Development Office. The luncheon is open to the public, but RSVP is requested.

CERS will be further advertised in the GPSA newswire, mass emails and through departmental staff.
The main sources of funding for CERS are the College of Engineering, UPAC, corporate sponsors and GPSA. As UPAC funding cannot go towards the purchase of food for events co-sponsorship from GPSA has been dedicated to partially cover the cost of the luncheon.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association commits to co-sponsor the College of Engineering Research Symposium by providing financial support to partially cover the cost of food for the luncheon, conditional on accommodations for dietary restrictions. This amount will be payable directly to the Nittany Lion Inn, the caterer of the event.

Partial funding for luncheon = $1,750

**Total: $1,750**

Respectfully submitted,

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