Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

ECMSS Co-Sponsorship
Funding for food for Student-Run Academic Conference
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association supports events and groups that enrich the learning experiences of students on campus. The Student Association of Environmental Science and Engineering (SAESE) seeks to do this through an annual student-run conference. The Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology Student Symposium (ECMSS) is an event that brings together graduate and undergraduate student researchers from the fields of environmental chemistry, microbiology, and engineering. It is a free-admission symposium that features student poster sessions, oral presentations, and keynote talks from distinguished scientists and engineers. This event will take place on April 3 and 4, 2020 and generally draws 60-70 presenting students, with approximately 20% coming from other schools in the region. The conference aims to provide students an opportunity to engage with faculty and other students through a shared research interest, drawing from the large population of students in research disciplines related to the environment.

The SAESE has also requested funding from UPAC and departments that typically attend the event. GPSA would provide funding to cover the costs of catering from Wegman’s and Harrison’s. GPSA will be recognized as a cosponsor on the poster board outside the conference room, the slides projected during intermissions and between speaker sessions, and on the back of t-shirts given to registered attendees. Finally, GPSA will be recognized in the program book alongside the other co-sponsors.
**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes financial support of $2,000 to co-sponsor the Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology Student Symposium and partially cover the costs of the following items:

- Harrison’s Reception (Friday): $2,000
- Wegman’s Lunch (Saturday): $700

*Note:* Funding is conditional on accommodations for dietary restrictions when ordering food.

**Total: $2,000**

Respectfully submitted,

**Trevor Bero**  
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Delegate, College of Liberal Arts  

President ___________________________________________________  Affirm  Veto

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