Bill # 70-03
The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University

of the 70th Assembly
April 29, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Welcome Back Picnic
Funding for food, drinks and park registration
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA provides programming events that enrich graduate and professional student life at Penn State and create a sense of community across various departments and colleges. GPSA wants to begin the school year showing its support for graduate and professional students by holding a welcome back event to benefit its constituency. This event serves two goals, first it provides an opportunity for graduate and professional students to enjoy each other’s company while having a meal and participate in some recreational activities. Especially for new graduate and professional students, this gives an opportunity to meet people from outside their home departments and colleges. Secondly, this event helps GPSA establish a presence with new (and old) graduate and professional students and puts faces of assembly members with the organization. Ideally, attendees will recognize people who attend and be comfortable coming to their delegates with issues that could arise over the course of their tenure at Penn State.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming Committee to purchase the following items for a family friendly welcome back picnic on an evening of the fall semester at a local park, circumstances permitting.
In the event that the welcome back picnic cannot be held during the beginning of the semester due to ongoing circumstances related to COVID-19, the Programming Committee will try to organize an event to welcome students in person as soon as is feasible. In the meantime, GPSA will plan to host a virtual welcome event in this case.

Pizza from a local business within State College: $500
Wegmans Garden Salad: $120
Wegmans Fresh Fruit Tray: $90
Park Pavilion Registration ($20/hr x 3hr minimum): $60
Drinks: $60
Paper products and other miscellany (cups, plates, utensils, chips): $50

Total: $880

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Zhao
President

President ________________________________ Affirm Veto

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