

Bill #69-30

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



of the 69th Assembly
April 15, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Additional Funding of Takeout Meals from Local Restaurants
Funding of takeout meals from local restaurants to support graduate/professional students
and local businesses affected by COVID-19
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 The Graduate and Professional Student Association recently passed legislation (Bill #69-29)
4 funding takeout meals from local restaurants. After an incredibly successful first night at India
5 Pavilion (with \$1,500 being used in 1 hour and the phones ringing for the rest of the evening),
6 additional funding is encouraged to be allocated for this initiative. The total funding of Bill #69-
7 29 was \$4,000 of which \$1,500 has been used on the first event. This bill would provide additional
8 funding to extend this initiative for the rest of the academic year and potentially into the summer.
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10 The following language, from Bill 69-29, motivates this initiative: “The precautions taken by Penn
11 State in response to COVID-19, commonly known as the novel coronavirus, are necessary for
12 public health on our campuses and in our communities. However, many graduate and professional
13 students have returned to or remained on campus for family, research, and assistantship
14 responsibilities. Many graduate and professional students are impacted by food insecurity with
15 unpredicted expenses relating to COVID-19. Additionally, many local businesses in State College
16 are suffering due to the lack of business and the food service industry has been hit particularly hard
17 by social distancing measures.”
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1 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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3 As in the previous legislation, the Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the
4 Executive Board to organize and sponsor one or more additional takeout days in partnership with
5 local restaurants. GPSA will collaborate with local businesses to create events for takeout or
6 delivery orders for students. Each order will be limited to \$40 (**maximum**) per takeout order,
7 inclusive of a 20% tip (\$33.33 in food/non-alcoholic drink and a \$6.67 tip); the student will be
8 responsible for the rest of the cost of the order. GPSA represents many families, but we will
9 encourage folks to use only what they need in our marketing materials.

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11 A plethora of dietary restrictions will be accommodated for in the choice of local restaurants. The
12 details of charging the cost to GPSA will be arranged by the Executive Board.

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14 GPSA will organize virtual discussions during each takeout day for graduate and professional
15 students to build community and to combat feelings of isolation.

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17 **Total requested: \$4,000**

Respectfully submitted,

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President, GPSA

Amanda Burton
Delegate, College of Agricultural Sciences

President _____ Affirm Veto

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