

Bill # 70-08

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



of the 70th Assembly
September 30, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Virtual, At-Home Pottery-Painting Event Part 2
Increase funding for take-home pottery-painting kits
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 GPSA provides programming events to enrich graduate and professional student life and promote
4 a sense of community among graduate and professional students at Penn State. Along with the
5 typical stresses that graduate and professional study incurs, necessary social distancing and remote
6 work caused by COVID-19 have increased the need for social interaction and mental health breaks
7 while decreasing the options available for events and spontaneous experiences. 2000 Degrees, a
8 local paint-your-own pottery studio, provides a method for doing this in a fun and socially
9 distanced way through their take-home pottery-painting kits.

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11 We previously proposed a monthly virtual pottery-painting night from September to November in
12 which participants will be able to customize a pottery-painting kit to be picked up curbside at 2000
13 Degrees' downtown studio. The Programming Committee will host a virtual painting night each
14 month to allow graduate and professional students to meet and interact with one another while
15 painting their pottery. Given the experience of organizing the September event, we now propose
16 to increase the number of participants sponsored by GPSA for October and November due to high
17 demand. Similar to the September event, graduate and professional students will sign up through
18 a Google form and be sent a promo code to order their own pottery. Additionally, we will
19 implement a question at the beginning of the Google form to make sure that non-students cannot

1 sign up to receive the promo code. Because the promo code is not uniquely generated, we will
2 send the list of registered participants to 2000 Degrees after registration is closed to prevent code-
3 sharing and ensure fairness to participants. Waitlisted participants will be prioritized. People may
4 only participate once. These events will be advertised via our newswire and GPSA social media
5 accounts.

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7 **Recommended Course of Action:**
8 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming Committee to
9 purchase 80 additional \$25 vouchers for take-home pottery-painting kits for the months of October
10 and November. The total amount is chosen to supply 80 additional kits for graduate and
11 professional students attending each of the two monthly events, for a total of 170 kits.

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13 \$2000 = 80 x \$25 take-home pottery-painting kit vouchers

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15 **Total: \$2000**

Respectfully submitted,

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President _____ Affirm Veto

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