

Bill # 70-09

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



of the 70th Assembly
December 9, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Grocery Assistance for Graduate and Professional Students Impacted by
COVID-19**

Gift cards for grocery stores for students during the holiday season

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Graduate and professional students continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In
4 accordance with public health recommendations, students may be unable to travel home during
5 the holidays. In the past, GPSA has supported Bill #69-26 and Bill #69-31 to fund close to \$10,000
6 for grocery assistance for graduate and professional students who remained on campus during the
7 pandemic. Additional grocery assistance should be considered as the pandemic continues to put
8 strain on graduate and professional student resources and limit holiday travel.
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10 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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12 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Executive Board to organize
13 and sponsor grocery services for graduate and professional students impacted by COVID-19. Due
14 to difficulties in the past with overwhelming Instacart's capabilities, gift cards for \$30 to grocery
15 stores in the State College community will be purchased directly from the stores and mailed to
16 participants in the program. This program will be advertised through GPSA's social media and
17 newswire platforms and last until funds are extinguished. The cost breakdown is as follows:
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- 1 **Amount for gift cards: \$6,000**
- 2 **Amount for mail supplies: \$150**
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- 4 **Total amount requested: \$6,150**

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Gerace
Delegate, Intercollegiate Graduate Degree Programs

President _____ Affirm Veto

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