Bill # 70-11
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,

Spring 2021 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill
Funding for Participant’s Lunches
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA’s Professional Development Committee gives voice to the interests and needs of graduate and professional students by promoting professional and scholarly activity. The Graduate Writing Boot Camp is designed to support graduate and professional students in meeting their writing goals by providing a quiet and supportive writing environment. To promote healthy and productive writing habit, participants will meet for 4 hours once a week for six weeks throughout the semester. Two six-weeks sessions will be held, allowing participants to have more dedicated writing time throughout the semester and opening more slots for graduate and professional students to participate. The Writing Boot Camp includes dedicated writing time in Zoom and guest speakers in a variety of topics from healthy habits to writing tools. We will provide a virtual space for students to write, a lunch every week, and a support group of people trying to achieve writing goals.

Each week will start with lunch and a presentation from speakers around campus, followed by 3 hours of dedicated writing time. The presentation from speaker will be open to everyone. For lunch and the writing sessions people will need to sign up in advance. Each session will hold up to 20 participants.
We invite any graduate or professional students working on dissertations, theses, capstone projects or important research papers to apply to participate.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development Committee to purchase lunch vouchers for each GWBC participant each week.

Lunches Vouchers:
- Week 1 & 7 Catered by Irving’s, $15 per lunch
- Week 2 & 8 Catered by Juana’s, $15 per lunch
- Week 3 & 9 Catered by Indian Pavilion, $15 per lunch
- Week 4 & 10 Catered by Snap Custom Pizza, $15 per lunch
- Week 5 & 11 Catered by Webster’s, $15 per lunch
- Week 6 & 12 Catered by Cozy Thai Bistro, $15 per lunch

20 participants + 1 volunteer, 12 weeks, 1 days per week

Total: $3,780

Respectfully submitted,

**Yashasvika Duggal**
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

President ___________________________________________________      Affirm      Veto

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