

Bill # 70-11
The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University



of the 70th Assembly
January 4, 2020

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Lyft Rides from Airport and Major Bus Stops

Funding of transportation for incoming students during COVID-19 crisis
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

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2 During the COVID-19 crisis, the CATABUS public transportation service has decreased to only
3 five routes in the State College and surrounding community. Current students are not encouraged
4 to provide rides due to their safety concerns and others in the family. Buses also pose a health risk
5 to individuals who are in close quarters to other bus passengers. Many international and out-of-
6 state graduate and professional students are arriving in the State College community at the
7 beginning of January. Therefore, GPSA proposes funding of Lyft rides in the State College and
8 Bellefonte/Lemont community from the University Park Airport and major bus-stops.
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Recommended Course of Action:

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12 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorize the Executive Board to purchase
13 Lyft rides through an event code to be marketed to graduate and professional students. The event
14 will be marketed through our social media and newsletter.
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16 Lyft requires location restrictions for event codes. Specifically, they ask for up to five locations
17 for drop off or pick up, and passengers can be picked up within half of a mile around that location.
18 Therefore, we plan to list University Park Airport and Megabus State College

19 Stop (Walmart, S Atherton), and Greyhound State College Stop (152 N Atherton St. State College,
20 PA 16801) as pick-up locations. These locations may be changed or expanded upon approval from
21 Lyft's customer service team.

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24 This event will continue until all funds are used or until February 19, 2021. Any unused budget
25 would be returned to GPSA 48 hours after the event closes.

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29 **Budget:**

30 \$30 per code × 100 codes = \$3,000

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32 **Total requested: \$3,000**

Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, College of Education

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AffirmVeto

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