

Bill # 70-16

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



**of the 70th Assembly**  
February 3, 2021

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Virtual Coffee Hour**  
**Funding for purchasing gift cards from local coffee shops**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Graduate and professional students are under increasing burdens of academic and social  
4 stress during the COVID-19 pandemic and typical spring semester responsibilities. The  
5 Graduate and Professional Student Association wants to create an environment where  
6 students can take a break and meet their peers for coffee. Due to social distancing  
7 guidelines, a virtual coffee hour is being held rather than an in-person event.

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9 The Graduate and Professional Student Association will provide \$5 gift cards to a local  
10 coffee shop on a first-come-first-served basis. Students will fill out a form with their  
11 name and Penn State email, and an indication of which coffee shop they want their gift  
12 card from. GPSA will purchase gift cards according to the students' selection and  
13 distribute through email or by mail. Students will be invited, but not required, to attend a  
14 45-minute coffee hour on Zoom to engage with fellow students while enjoying their  
15 coffee.

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**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming Committee to purchase the following gift cards for virtual coffee hour once a month during the months of February, March, and April.

Coffee Shops:

- Rothrock Coffee**, 1736 S Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801
- Crust & Crumb Café**, 115 E Beaver Avenue, State College, PA 16801
- Café Lemont**, 921 Pike St, Lemont, PA 16851

100x \$5 gift cards x 3 = \$1,500

**Total: \$1,500**

Respectfully submitted,

**Bristol Gunderson**  
Delegate, Smeal College of Business

President \_\_\_\_\_ Veto

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