

Bill # 70-18

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



of the 70th Assembly
February 17, 2021

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Spring 2021 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Session 2
Funding for lunch for additional participants
(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. Previously the Assembly passed Bill 70-10 to fund lunch for 20 participants; however, this event has been more successful than anticipated. Therefore, we now propose Bill 70-18 to increase the number of slots from 20 participants to 60 per weekly session. Additionally, since many restaurants have reduced hours due to COVID-19, in this bill, we are expanding the list of restaurants that GWBC is catering from.

Similar to the first session, which is currently ongoing, the second session will last 6 weeks. Each week will start with lunch and a presentation from speakers around campus, followed by 3 hours of dedicated writing time. The presentation from the speaker will be open to everyone. For lunch and the writing sessions, people will need to sign up in advance through a form.

We invite any graduate and professional students working on dissertations, theses, capstone projects, or essential research papers to apply to participate.

1 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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

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6 Participants can choose between the following options for vouchers for Session 2:

7 **Option 1:**

- 8 Week 1 Catered by Little Szechuan, \$15 per lunch
- 9 Week 3 Catered by Karma, \$15 per lunch
- 10 Week 5 Catered by Indian Pavillion, \$15 per lunch

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12 **Option 2:**

- 13 Week 2 Catered by BRGR, \$15 per lunch
- 14 Week 4 Catered by Cozy Thai, \$15 per lunch
- 15 Week 6 Catered by Café Alina, \$15 per lunch

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17 Alternative restaurants: Irving, Snaps Pizza.

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19 40 participants, six weeks, one day per alternating week

20 **Total: \$1800**

Respectfully submitted,

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Speaker of Assembly
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President _____

Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association