

Bill # 70-20

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



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

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

**Virtual, At-Home Creative Events  
Funding for take-home crafting kits**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 GPSA provides programming events to enrich graduate and professional student life and  
4 promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students at Penn State.  
5 Along with the typical stresses that graduate and professional study incurs, necessary  
6 social distancing and remote work caused by COVID-19 have increased the need for  
7 social interaction and mental health breaks while decreasing the options available for  
8 events and spontaneous experiences. The Makery, a local creative collective located in  
9 Downtown State College, provides a method for doing this in a fun and socially distanced  
10 way through their take-home craft kits.

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12 We have had great success in collaborating with 2000 Degrees pottery studio and believe  
13 that by collaborating with another local creative space we will attract more students to  
14 participate and provide an additional way for graduate and professional students to relax  
15 and connect in a socially distanced way. We propose a Makery Creative Night in  
16 collaboration with The Makery in March 2021. The event will facilitate craft making, some  
17 potential examples include an upcycled library kit, which could make a book mobile, a  
18 paper dahlia wall hanging, and/or a banner; a fiber wreath kit to make a door wreath out

1 of a variety of boho-chic fibers; and a Central PA landscape collage kit, used to create a  
2 Central PA landscape collage out of colorful, textured papers. The Programming  
3 Committee will host this virtual creative night to allow graduate and professional students  
4 to meet and interact with one another while working on their creative project. Graduate  
5 and professional students will sign up through an online form. Their information will be  
6 given to The Makery where they will then be able to go pick-up the kit before the event.  
7 The participants will receive pick-up instructions and event information by email. The  
8 event will be conducted on a first-come first-served basis. This event will be advertised  
9 via our newswire and GPSA social media accounts.

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11 **Recommended Course of Action:**

12 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming  
13 Committee to purchase 40 \$25 take-home craft kits. The total amount is intended to  
14 supply 40 kits for graduate and professional students attending the event.

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16 \$1000 = 40 x \$25 take-home crafting kits

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18 **Total: \$1000**

Respectfully submitted,

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Veto

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