

Bill # 71-04

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



**of the 71st Assembly**

April 28, 2021

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

**Welcome Back Picnic  
Funding for food, drinks and park registration  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])**

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 Each year, the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)  
3 provides programming events that enrich graduate and professional student life at Penn  
4 State and create a sense of community across various departments and colleges. To  
5 welcome back students into the new academic year in the Fall semester, GPSA would  
6 like to host a welcome back event. This event builds a sense of community among  
7 graduate and professional students by offering them the opportunity to enjoy each other's  
8 company while sharing a meal and participating recreational activities. The event also  
9 helps GPSA establish a presence with new and returning graduate and  
10 professional students, and allows them to establish contact with the GPSA  
11 representatives of their colleges. Establishing contact with their representatives would  
12 then allow graduate and professional students to easily approach their delegates with  
13 issues that could arise over the course of their tenure at Penn State.

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15 **Recommended Course of Action:**

16 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes  
17 the Programming Committee to purchase the following items for a family friendly

- 1 welcome back picnic on an evening of the fall semester at a local park, circumstances  
2 permitting.  
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4 While Penn State is resuming in-person activities in the fall, details about the transition  
5 are still unclear. In the event that the welcome back picnic cannot be held in-person during  
6 the beginning of the semester, the Programming Committee will try to organize an event  
7 to welcome students in person as soon as is feasible.  
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9 Pizza, with a gluten free pizza option, from a local business within State College: \$500  
10 Garden Salad: \$120  
11 Fresh Fruit Tray: \$90  
12 Park Pavilion Registration (\$20/hr x 3hr minimum): \$60  
13 Drinks: \$60  
14 Paper products and other miscellany (cups, plates, utensils, chips): \$50  
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16 **Total: \$880**

Respectfully submitted,

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Speaker of the Assembly

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President \_\_\_\_\_ Affirm      Veto

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