

Bill # 71-05

**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,

2021 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill
Funding for Participant's Lunches
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 GPSA's Professional Development Committee gives voice to the interests and needs of
3 graduate and professional students by promoting professional and scholarly activity. The
4 Graduate Writing Boot Camp is designed to support graduate and professional students
5 in meeting their writing goals by providing a quiet and supportive writing environment. In
6 order to promote healthy and productive writing habits, participants will meet for 5 hours
7 once a week for six weeks throughout the semester. Sessions will be available two days
8 a week, allowing students to pick the day that best fits their schedule. Two six-weeks
9 sessions will be held, allowing participants to have more dedicated writing time throughout
10 the semester and opening more slots for graduate and professional students to
11 participate. The Writing Boot Camp includes dedicated writing time in the library and guest
12 speakers in a variety of topics from healthy habits to writing tools. This program has been
13 extremely popular with graduate students writing thesis, review articles, and other such
14 long writing assignments. We will provide a quiet space for students to write, a lunch
15 every week, and a support group of people trying to achieve writing goals.

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17 Each week will start with lunch and a presentation from speakers around campus,
18 followed by 4 hours of dedicated writing time. Each session will hold up to 20 participants.

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

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5 Each week will consist of two alternating sessions: one in person and another virtual.

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7 **Recommended Course of Action:**

8 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional
9 Development Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week.

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11 If the GWBC cannot be held during the Fall semester in person, the Professional
12 Development Committee will plan to host a virtual event to support the writing of graduate
13 and professional students during the Fall semester and the GWBC will be held at a later
14 date.

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16 Box Lunches: Catered by a local restaurant, \$12 per lunch
17 40 participants + 2 volunteers, 12 weeks, 1 day per week

18 **Total: \$6,048**

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Professional Development Committee
Delegate, College of Engineering

President _____ Affirm Veto

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