Nature of the Situation:

GPSA provides programming events to enrich graduate and professional student life and promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students at Penn State. Along with the typical stresses that graduate and professional study incurs, necessary social distancing and remote work caused by COVID-19 have increased the need for social interaction and mental health breaks while decreasing the options available for events and spontaneous experiences. 2000 Degrees, a local paint-your-own pottery studio, provides a method for doing this in a fun and socially distanced way through their take-home pottery-painting kits.

The Programming Committee will host a virtual painting night each month from September to December to allow graduate and professional students to meet and interact with one another while painting pottery. Graduate and professional students will be able to sign up for the event online and will be sent a promo code to order their own kits online. Pottery-painting kits can be picked up no-contact from 2000 Degrees’ downtown studio. The event is first-come first-serve based and registrations from first-time participants will be prioritized to maximize community engagement.
Recommended Course of Action:
The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming
Committee to purchase 240 $25 vouchers for take-home pottery-painting kits for the
months of September, October, November, and December. The total amount is chosen
to supply 60 kits for graduate and professional students attending each of the four monthly
events, for a total of 240 kits.

Flexibility may be provided for an in person event, if desired by participants.

$6000 = 240 \times $25$ take-home pottery-painting kit vouchers

Total: $6000

Respectfully submitted,

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