Bill # 71-08
The Graduate and Professional Student Association
(GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University

of the 71st Assembly
September 15, 2021

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Virtual Coffee Hour
Funding for purchasing gift cards from local coffee shops
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:
Graduate and professional students are under increasing burdens of academic and social stress during the COVID-19 pandemic and typical semester responsibilities. The Graduate and Professional Student Association wants to create an environment where students can take a break and meet their peers for coffee. Under caution related to COVID-19, a virtual coffee hour is being held rather than an in-person event.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association will provide $5 gift cards to local coffee shops on a first-come-first-served basis. Students will fill out a form with their name and Penn State email, and an indication of which coffee shop they want their gift card from. GPSA will purchase gift cards according to the students’ selection and distribute through email or by mail. The Programming Committee will then host a coffee hour social on Zoom for students to interact while enjoying their coffee.
Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming Committee to purchase 75 gift cards from the following cafés each month during the months of September, October, November, and December.

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

Coffee Shops:

- **Rothrock Coffee**, 1736 S Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801
- **Crust & Crumb Café**, 115 E Beaver Avenue, State College, PA 16801
- **Café Lemont**, 921 Pike St, Lemont, PA 16851

75 gift cards x $5 each x 4 months = $1,500

**Total: $1,500**

Respectfully submitted,

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President _________________________________  Affirm  Veto

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