

Resolution # 71-04

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



of the 71st Assembly
September 1, 2021

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**GPSA participation in an event for first-year graduate and
professional students**

Collaborating with Christian Grad Students at Penn State

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 Nature of the Situation:

2 The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) was approached by Penn
3 State Christian Grads (PSCG) about collaborating on an event for first-year graduate and
4 professional students at Penn State. PSCG also reached out to several other Penn State
5 student organizations, including, but not limited to: Graduate Alliance for Diversity and
6 Inclusion, Psychology BRIDGE Diversity Alliance, Muslim Graduate Student
7 Organization, and Minority Graduate Students in STEM to collaborate on the event. This
8 event strives to help first-year students transition to graduate and professional school at
9 Penn State by providing information on how to promote mental health and well-being
10 while at Penn State and encourage a sense of community by connecting students with
11 various Penn State student organizations. PSCG has highlighted that this event is open
12 to all graduate and professional students and that there is no religious aspect to the event.
13 The event will consist of two parts. The first part of the event will be held virtually on Zoom
14 and will constitute a speaker presentation on mental health and well-being, a panel Q&A
15 session, and breakout room discussions led by people from varying student
16 organizations. The second part of the event will occur a week or two after the first part of

1 the event and will be an in-person outdoor event with food and games at a local park in
2 State College to help new graduate and professional students form connections and build
3 community with other Penn State students.

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5 PSCG has requested GPSA to advertise this event on our social media platforms and
6 send a representative to lead a breakout room discussion at the virtual part of the event.
7 PSCG does not require any funding from the GPSA, and the Advocacy and Diversity
8 committee and Community Outreach committee were consulted to ensure that
9 collaborating with PSCG on this event would not be a violation of the ethics and values
10 held by the GPSA.

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12 **Recommended Course of Action:**
13 By adopting this resolution, the Graduate and Professional Student Association agrees
14 to collaborate with PSCG on their event for first-year graduate and professional students.
15 This includes advertising the event on our social media platforms and sending a GPSA
16 representative (Julia Kelliher, IGDP delegate) to speak to students at the event.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Speaker of the Assembly
Delegate, College of Engineering

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association