

Bill # 71-25

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



of the 71st Assembly
March 23rd, 2022

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Pan-APA Conference 2022
Funding for the Annual Pan-APA Conference 2022
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

The Penn State Pan-African Professional Alliance (Pan-APA) is a student-run organization for graduate students at Penn State that seeks to foster connections between Africa and the diaspora, provide opportunities for international students to integrate into the university community, and support the professional and academic development of its members. To achieve their mission, they organize various events and activities including an annual conference where participants discuss issues relevant to Africa and the African diaspora and actively engage in the process of building solutions.

This year, they are hosting our 5th annual conference under the theme "Community Development Initiative in Africa" on April 9th 2022 at Penn State. In this conference, participants will discuss and evaluate the aspects of development that are experiencing success and failures in countries in Africa to understand the African problems in the proper context and see how best they can give back. The organizers are expecting the conference to be a dynamic and enlightening event where they will have speakers with expertise on development, panel discussions from various disciplines, and research presentations from graduate students. The Pan-APA is requesting co-sponsorship in the

1 amount of \$3,000 to fund the lunch for the conference.

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4 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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6 The Graduate and Professional Student Association agrees to co-sponsor Pan-APA's
7 annual conference and provide \$3000 for lunch.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sherif Olanrewaju

Delegate, College of Nursing

President _____

Veto

Affirm

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

GPSA Co-Sponsorship Request Form



The Penn State Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) must follow certain rules when providing funding for co-sponsorships for events or other items. Please make sure to read these guidelines carefully before requesting GPSA funding.

- **The GPSA must be given one week's notice of collaboration with any external organization. The purpose is to ensure that the organization is in compliance with the University's Core Values including diversity, inclusion, and equity.**
- A GPSA Delegate must submit a funding bill to the Assembly, and the GPSA must be involved in planning the event. Visit gpsa.psu.edu/assembly to find contact information for current Assembly Delegates.
- A budget breakdown of event costs must be submitted with this form
- The event must be open to all students (undergraduate, graduate, professional)
- The GPSA will only fund specific line items (i.e. food, room rentals, speaker fees, etc.); preference will be given to payments made directly by the GPSA to vendors via invoice, and transfers to a student organization account or reimbursements to an individual for payments made are strongly discouraged
- Because the GPSA's funding comes from the University Park Student Fee Board, at most up to 90% of the event cost can be funded from the GPSA for co-sponsorships

Request Information

Request Date: 9th March 2022

Organization Name: Pan-African Professional Alliance (Pan-APA)

Organization Contact Person: Christelle Zozoungbo

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GPSA Representative Sponsoring Request: Sherif Olanrewaju

Email: sao85@psu.edu

1 **Event Details**

2 **Event Name:** 2022 Pan-APA Annual Conference

3 **Date and Time of Event:** 9th April 2022

4 **Event Location:** Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

5 **Estimated Total Attendance:** 75

6 **Graduate/Professional Students:** 60

7 **Ticket or Pre-Registration Required:** Pre-registration required

8 **Cost to Attend Event:** \$0

9 **Brief Event Description:**

10 Pan-APA is a student-run organization for graduate students at Penn State that seeks to
11 foster connections between Africa and the diaspora, provide opportunities for
12 international students to integrate into the university community, and support the
13 professional and academic development of our members. To achieve our mission, we
14 organize various events and activities including an annual conference where we discuss
15 issues relevant to Africa and the African Diaspora and actively engage in the solutions
16 building process.

17 This year, we are hosting our 5th annual conference under the theme "**Community**
18 **Development Initiative in Africa**" on April 09th 2022 here at Penn-State. In this
19 conference, we will discuss and evaluate the aspects of development that are
20 experiencing success and failures in countries in Africa; this way we can understand the
21 African problems in the proper context and see how best we can give back to our beloved
22 continent. We are expecting our conference to be a dynamic and enlightening event
23 where we will have speakers with expertise on development, panel discussions from
24 various disciplines, and research presentations from graduate students.

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26 **How Event Will Be Advertised:** We will send out event flyers and emails to diverse
27 departments for them to help us reach out to their students.

28 **Funding Details**

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30 **Total Requested from GPSA:** *\$3000 for Lunch.*

31 **Total Cost of Event:** *\$21,473.74*

	Total amount	Vendors Accept Penn State Purchase Orders (Yes/No):	Vendor Willing to Invoice GPSA (Yes/No):
Service Items	\$4,667.74		

Media and Entertainment	\$2,448.00		
Speaker	\$5,213.00		
Facility expenses: Rooms and equipment	\$2,045.00		
Food	\$7,100.00		
Pre-Conference Dinner	\$1,000		
Breakfast	\$600.00		
Lunch	\$3,000.00	No	Yes
After party dinner	\$2,500.00		
Total	\$21,473.74		

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2 We requested funds from UPAC for everything excepts for food. However, we have not
3 received their decision on what item they are willing to fund. We requested also fund from
4 African studies program and Women’s Gender and Sexuality studies for food. In addition,
5 we requested fund from the Office of Educational Equity to fund expenses related to key
6 speaker. And finally, we requested fund from Africana Research Center, The Rock
7 Institute and Aeseda, but we do not have any confirmation from them yet.
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9 **For GPSA Treasurer Use**

10 **Bill Number:**
11 **Total Approved:**
12 **Total Paid:**
13 **Bill Close Date:**