Bill # 72-01

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

of the 72nd Assembly
April 20, 2022

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

PRIDE Picnic
Funding for food, drinks and park registration
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

Each year, the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) provides events that enrich graduate and professional student life at Penn State and create a sense of community across various departments and colleges. To continue in this tradition, as well as provide an opportunity for the GPSA 72nd assembly members to meet for the first time, the Executive Board of GPSA would like to host a PRIDE themed picnic in June. This event builds a sense of community among LGBTQ+ graduate and professional students by offering them an extended opportunity to meet in the summer while sharing a meal and participating in recreational activities. The event also helps GPSA establish a presence with new and returning graduate and professional students and allows them to establish contact with the GPSA representatives of their colleges. Establishing contact with their representatives would then allow graduate and professional students to easily approach their delegates with issues that could arise over the course of their tenure at Penn State.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Executive Board to purchase the following items for a family friendly PRIDE Themed picnic during the summer at a local park, circumstances permitting.
Penn State has resuming in-person activities. As a committee, we have agreed that this is the best method for us to be more effective and physically present in the Graduate and Professional student body. If the PRIDE picnic cannot be held in-person during the summer, the Executive Board will try to organize an event in person as soon as is feasible after the initial date.

Pizza, with a gluten free/vegetarian pizza option, from a local business within State College: $200
Catering: $4000 (Hoag’s Catering) (may change but I estimated high enough to accommodate that anticipated change)
Venue: Hub lawn
Drinks: $100
Decorations: $100
Paper products and other miscellany (cups, plates, utensils, chips): $50

Total: $400

Respectfully submitted,

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President

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Affirm Veto

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