Bill # 73-20

**The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)**

**The Pennsylvania State University**

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**of the 73rd Assembly**

January 24, 2024

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Empower Conference 2024**

**CoSponsorship with GWIS for the Empower Conference 2024**

(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

Empower is a networking and professional development conference hosted annually by the State College Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) for students, post-docs, faculty, and professionals in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Fields. The theme of the 2024 Empower conference is Together Towards Tomorrow and will be held in-person on Saturday, February 4th, 2023, from 9am to 5pm. Our keynote speaker is Wawa Gatheru, a climate storyteller, Rhodes Scholar, and founder of Black Girl Environmentalist.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the funding in the amount of $2,500 to help cover the catering costs of the event.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lawrence Miller**

President, GPSA

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The Graduate and Professional Student Association

# **Funding Details**

**Total Requested from GPSA:** $2500

**Total Cost of Event:** $21,177

**Breakdown of Request:**

Link to our full Budget: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XHKP-HFILVybIadsgTpCw86N7jyJd1zoBb4Af4b4WYg/edit>

\*GPSA excel file still being submitted separately.

*Please include an itemized budget that includes the priority of items that will be purchased using GPSA funds, from 1-10 (1 being the highest, 10 being the lowest).*

 *The itemized budget should include:*

* *where the item is being purchased from;*
* *the price of the item (unit price and total cost of aggregate price, e.g., 12 units for $5.00 each has an aggregate price of $60.00);*
* *the total price of the request.*

*Please submit the excel found on the GPSA website sheet separately. The excel sheet can be found at:* [*https://gpsa.psu.edu/resources/cosponsor-student-org-support/*](https://gpsa.psu.edu/resources/cosponsor-student-org-support/)

**Funding Amount Requested From Other Sources (By Source):**

1. University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC)- $14,103.20
2. American Association of University Women (AAUW)- $2,000
3. Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC)- $500
4. Animal Sciences Department- $500

**Vendors Being Used:**

1. Panera Bread
2. Collegiate Pride

 **Vendors Accept Penn State Purchase Orders (Yes/No):** Yes

 **Vendor Willing to Invoice GPSA (Yes/No):** No

 **If you answered no to both of the above questions, you will need to discuss payment options with the GPSA treasurer at least one month before your event.**