Bill # 73-31

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

**The Pennsylvania State University**

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**of the 73rd Assembly**

02/21/2024

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

**Bangladesh Student Association (BSA) Co-Sponsorship**

**Funding for Bangladesh Night 2024**

(Decided: [ Y ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

The Bangladesh Student Association (BSA) is the official Penn State organization representing the Bangladeshi students at the university. For the past 9 years, the BSA has hosted its premier event, Bangladesh Night that expresses the rich culture and strong heritage of Bangladesh to the community of Penn State and State College. It is an event to showcase and celebrate our various cultures, ethnic backgrounds, and diversity in a land so far away from our home. Our primary objective is to bring the Bangladeshi community of students and the Penn State community together and encourage long lasting friendships while bringing and introducing our Bangladeshi roots to Penn State. Furthermore, this event encourages students to show off their various talents in front of audiences which nurture their cultural skills and creativity. The event will host activities including:

1) Recitation

2) Singing

3) Folk Dancing

4) Fashion Show

5) Bangladeshi Corner (photo booth, Bangladeshi exhibits, henna art)

6) Ethnic food serving

7) (Mongol shovojatra) Pahela Baishakh Procession

The theme of this year’s event is “Diversity of Bangladesh”. Being one of the most densely populated countries of the world, we Bangladeshis celebrate a diverse culture that we aim to bring forward to the greater Penn State community through performances. This rich demonstration also aligns with Penn State’s DEI goals.

The highlight of Bangladesh Night 2024 is that it is being organized on April 14, 2024 - the first day of the Bengali New Year, 1431. This day is celebrated across Bangladesh as "Pahela Baishakh" which translates to "First day of the month of Baishakh (the first month of the Bengali calendar)". Events commemorating Pahela Baishakh include a cultural demonstration where people wear red/white Saree and Panjabi, take part in mongol shovojatra (pahela baishakh procession) festive masks, eat baishakhi meals, and host rural fairs. This would be the first joint celebration of Pahela Baishakh with Bangladesh Night at Penn State - an opportunity to demonstrate the heritage, culture, and diversity of Bangladesh.

How Event Will Be Advertised:

* Social media
* Flyer Distribution
* HUB banners
* Email
* Listservs: Graduate School, Penn State Global, GPSA, MEGA

**Total Requested from GPSA: $5,000**

Breakdown of Request:

Total Cost of Event: $15,930.81

Up to 90% can be funded by the student fee board. Food not covered by UPAC.

10% deficit + estimated cost of food = $8,685.58

Ticket sale revenue = 250 x $6 + 100 x $8 = $2,300

Total deficit = $6,385.58

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| **Itemized List (food related expenses)** |
| **Priority (1-10)** | **Store** | **Item** | **Price** | **Number of Items** | **Total** |
| **1(highest)** | **Gharer Khabar** | **Dinner package** |  **$20.00**  | **350** | **$7000** |
| 2 | Gharer Khabar | Food delivery |  $500.00  | 1 | $500 |
| 3 | Sam's Club | Steam pan | $15.87  | 2 | $31.74 |
| 3 | Sam's Club | heating fuel | $19.34  | 2 | $38.68 |
| 3 | Sam's Club | chafing stand | $7.48  | 10 | $74.8 |
| 3 | Sam's Club | cutlery packs x 200 | $26.38  | 2 | $52.76 |
| 3 | Sam's Club | Water x 40 | $4.28  | 10 | $42.8 |
| 3 | Sam's Club | Soda x 30 | $13.98  | 10 | $139.8 |
| **Grand Total =** | **$7880.58** |

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association agrees to co-sponsor the Bangladesh Night 2024 in the amount of **$2,000** which will cover the cost of **food** from Gharer Khabar. Other expenses will be covered by funds from a variety of sources including UPAC and through the sale of guest tickets.

**Dinner package: 250x$20 = $5000**

Respectfully submitted,

**Nusrat Tabassum**

Delegate, College of Arts and Architecture

President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Affirm Veto

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