

Bill # 66-13

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



of the 65th Assembly
October 5, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Support for Community Spotlight Series Event **Co-sponsoring and Funding for Diversity Action Committee's Upcoming Event** (Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Part of GPSA's mission is to sponsor events that foster professional development and success
4 post-graduation. Familiarity with different life experiences and cultural competency are
5 necessary to be successful in the diverse workforces of industry, governmental, nonprofit, and
6 academic work. Graduate students would benefit from a unique opportunity to learn of minority
7 experiences in the US and the world, which are often underrepresented in media.

8 The Community Spotlight Series, currently co-sponsored by Coalition of LGBTQA Graduate
9 Students, the State College Chapter of the NAACP, the Penn State Latino Caucus, and the Penn
10 State Asian American Caucus, presents graduate and professional students the unique
11 opportunity to gain access to diversity education and training with minimal time commitment.
12 This event will also put a focus on civic engagement and participation in the upcoming election.

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14 The event will consist of a series of keynote speakers and panel discussions regarding the issues
15 facing the African American, Asian American, Latino American, and Muslim American
16 communities here. Additionally, we will be discussing the unique concerns that Americans with
17 disabilities, women, and LGBTQ Americans may have. Audience members will have the
18 opportunity to ask questions and hear from fellow community members about how this
19 upcoming election may affect them. Following the event, graduate and professional students
20 should feel more informed about diversity issues facing our society, be more connected to
21 students from different backgrounds, and gain skills necessary for navigating diverse spaces in
22 their careers.

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24 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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26 The GPSA will serve as a co-sponsor for the “Community Spotlight Series” and provide support
27 in the following ways:

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- 29 1. Allocate \$120 for the rental of Flex Theatre for Tuesday, October 18th.
- 30 2. Allocate \$80 for the printing of a large poster to be hung outside the event on the 18th.
- 31 3. Agree to have the GPSA logo included on all printed and virtual promotional materials.
- 32 4. Promote the event on the GPSA event calendar
- 33 5. Promote the event on the GPSA Facebook Page

Respectfully submitted,

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President _____ Affirm Veto

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