

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



**of the 66th Assembly**  
October 19, 2016

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

**State of State Co-Sponsorship  
Funding for State of State 2017 Conference**

(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

State of State is a student-run organization at Penn State committed to facilitating a dialogue about important issues within the university community. This dialogue culminates every year in a spring conference that invites students, faculty, administrators, and alumni to speak about a variety of topics ranging from student life to town-and-gown relations. This aligns closely with the Graduate and Professional Student Association’s mission to create a forum for addressing the ideas and concerns of graduate and professional students. More information about State of State can be found on the organization’s website, [www.psustateofstate.com](http://www.psustateofstate.com). A date has not been set for the 2017 conference, but it will be held this upcoming February in the HUB in addition to being live-streamed online. More than 800 people either attended or watched the event via live-stream in 2016.

GPSA has not been involved with State of State in any formal capacity since the conference’s founding in 2013. A co-sponsorship would serve as the first step to establishing a relationship between GPSA and State of State. In the future, this relationship could grow and lead to more graduate students bringing their perspectives to State of State as either volunteers or speakers.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association will provide up to \$1,000 to fund the purchase of the following items for State of State 2017:

- 23
- 24 Speaker gifts: \$30 each for estimated 12 speakers = \$360
- 25 Program printing: \$520
- 26 Breakfast for speakers: \$120

Respectfully submitted,

**Matt Krott**  
Delegate, College of Engineering

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

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