

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



of the 66th Assembly
October 19th, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Co-sponsorship of the PSU vs. MSU Blood Donor Challenge
Support of the Student Red Cross Club blood drives**

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) mission is accomplished by
3 “supporting scholarly activities and providing leadership, service, and social opportunities.” This
4 is the driving force for all committees of the GPSA. The Community Service Committee would
5 like to pursue this mission by promoting and supporting community service opportunities with
6 other student organizations. This bill provides support through co-sponsorship of the Student Red
7 Cross Club (SRCC) for their University-wide blood donor challenge.

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9 The PSU vs. MSU Blood Donor Challenge is a challenge occurring every November, in which
10 Penn State University (PSU) and Michigan State University (MSU) compete to collect as many
11 blood donations as possible. This year is the 23rd year PSU and MSU will be competing, with PSU
12 leading 14-9 in the series. Last year PSU had over 1,000 donors and involved over 50 student
13 organizations. The challenge encompasses 15 blood drives on campus. The SRCC works directly
14 with the local Centre County American Red Cross chapter to make this challenge possible.

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16 The SRCC is organizing the Challenge this year to occur October 31st, 2016, through November
17 17th, 2016. They are attempting to organize University-wide support of the challenge and have
18 historically requested support in various forms from the Graduate and Professional Student
19 Association, University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), Association of Residence Hall
20 Students, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and the University
21 Park Allocation Committee (UPAC). The SRCC collaborates with a variety of local business as
22 well.

1 Historically, the GPSA has provided financial support to the SRCC to ensure the success of the
2 challenge. The recent history of total donations and GPSA funding amount is as follows:
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Year	Total Units	Amount Funded
2010	2018	\$6,244.00
2011	1778	\$6,500.00
2012	1552	\$7,664.54
2013	1569	\$2,500.00
2014	1061	\$2,500.00
2015	970	\$4,000.00

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5 **Recommended Course of Action:**
6 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Publicity and Media Committee
7 and Community Service Committee to publicize and promote the blood drives for the 2016 PSU
8 v. MSU Blood Donor Challenge. This includes: advertising each drive through all available
9 electronic communication methods, posting provided posters in various locations on campus, and
10 distributing fliers to individuals throughout the campus.

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12 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Service Committee
13 to co-sponsor the 2016 PSU v. MSU Blood Donor Challenge by committing financial support in
14 the amount of \$4,000.00 to support the purchase of the Challenge t-shirts that are given to
15 presenting donors at each drive. The overall budget plan for the Challenge with expected funding
16 from other co-sponsors and the preliminary t-shirt design is attached.
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Respectfully submitted,

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President _____ Affirm Veto

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