

Bill # 66-20

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



**of the 66th Assembly**  
11/02/2016

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

**GWIS Voices Conference Co-Sponsorship**  
**Funding for food conference costs for Voices, a conference hosted by the Graduate Women**  
**In Science (GWIS), Penn State Chapter**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 The Graduate and Professional Student Association supports groups on campus that host relevant  
4 and enriching events. One such event is the Voices Conference hosted by the Graduate Women  
5 In Science (GWIS), Penn State Chapter; it has been held since 2005. The Voices Conference is  
6 attended by 100 – 150 graduate and professional students, both male and female across various  
7 departments. The Conference will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the Atherton  
8 Hotel. The event runs from 8:30am – 4:30pm; breakfast and lunch are provided to participants.  
9 The conference schedule includes two session speakers, a keynote speaker, a panel, and two  
10 break-out workshops. This year’s theme is “Teamwork,” which appeals to a broad audience.  
11 Presenters are both local and invited speakers from the industry, government, and academic  
12 sectors, covering a diversity of backgrounds and interests.

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14 GWIS obtains funding from sources such as the University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC)  
15 and others shown below, to help cover travel expenses of the speakers as well as venue costs but  
16 needs additional funding to help cover food costs, not covered by UPAC. GPSA will be  
17 recognized for their contribution in recruitment emails, programs distributed to all attendees, and  
18 verbally at the Conference.

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20 Food costs from last year’s Voices 2016 conference, catered by The Atherton Hotel:

21 Breakfast (bagels and coffee for 100 people): \$1054.00

22 Lunch cost (full lunch for 100 people): \$1860.00

- 1 Lists of past sponsors:  
2 • American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
3 • Commission for Women (CFW)  
4 • The Eberly College of Science, The Pennsylvania State University  
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6 **Recommended Course of Action:**

7 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes financial support of \$1,000 to go  
8 towards co-sponsoring the Voices conference food costs from the 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly's budget:  
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10 Total: \$1,000.00

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12 Respectfully submitted,

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14 **Brittany Banik**  
15 IGDP Delegate

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

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