

Bill # 66-22

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



of the 66th Assembly
November 30, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

College of Engineering Research Symposium Co-Sponsorship Funding for CERS Luncheon

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 This year the Engineering Graduate Student Council is organizing the 14th Annual College of
4 Engineering Research Symposium (CERS). The event date is set for April 4th at the Nittany Lion
5 Inn. The symposium features research papers, posters and oral presentations by undergraduate
6 and graduate students in several engineering and science disciplines. CERS provides a
7 professional platform for students to showcase their research to faculty members, industry
8 representatives, and other student researchers from various engineering and science fields. At the
9 conclusion of the event, research/travel grants are awarded to students in each presentation
10 category.

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12 This is an all-day event with a morning session and an afternoon session separated by a
13 luncheon. This luncheon provides some time for talks by the CERS Chair, industry
14 representatives, President Baron and the Keynote Speaker. This year the keynote speaker is Dr.
15 Patricia Stevens, Chief Technologist for Boeing Phantom Works Rotary Wing Programs. The
16 luncheon is open to participants, reviewers, speakers and attendees.

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18 The main sources of funding for CERS are the College of Engineering and UPAC. In past years,
19 the Engineering Graduate Student Council has also reached out to the GPSA and industry for
20 sponsorship of CERS. As we know UPAC funding cannot go towards the purchase of food for
21 events and co-sponsorship from the GPSA helps pay for some of the cost of the luncheon.

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23 **Recommended Course of Action:**

1 The Graduate and Professional Student Association commits to co-sponsor the College of
2 Engineering Research Symposium by providing financial support in the amount of \$1,500
3 toward the cost of food for the luncheon. This amount will be payable directly to the caterer of
4 the event.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate, Inter-College Graduate Degree Programs

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Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association