

Bill # 66-24

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



of the 66th Assembly
1/9/2017

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Spring 2017 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill
Funding for Participants' Lunches
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA's Professional Development Committee gives voice to the interests and needs of graduate and professional students by promoting the professional and scholarly activity. The mission of this subcommittee is to plan and execute events that benefit students in their journey through their degree. The Graduate Writing Boot Camp (formerly named Dissertation Boot Camp) is designed to support graduate and professional students to meet their writing goals by providing a quiet and supportive writing environment. We have changed the name to encourage anyone with important writing goals to participate, not just those working on dissertations. Additionally, in order to promote healthy and productive writing habits, boot camp will follow a different format this semester. Participants will meet for 5 hours once a week for six weeks. Sessions will be available on either Mondays or Tuesdays, allowing students to pick the day that best fits their schedule. Boot Camp includes dedicated writing time in the library and guest speakers to help participants better understand and practice healthy habits. Included in the \$25 participation fee is lunch every week, a quiet place to write, and a support group of people who are trying to achieve similar writing goals.

This semester Graduate Writing Boot Camp will take place once a week from January 23 to February 27 from 12-5 p.m. Participants will sign up for either Monday or Tuesday afternoons for those six weeks. Each week will start with lunch and a presentation from speakers around campus, followed by 4 hours of dedicated writing time. Registration will be open during the first week of the spring semester, January 9-13. We invite any graduate or professional students

1 working on dissertations, theses, capstone projects, or important research papers to apply to
2 participate.

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4 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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6 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Professional Development
7 Committee to purchase lunch for each GWBC participant each week.

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9 Estimated Total: \$4,500

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11 Note: We are hoping to have 30 students participate each day and each participant will pay a \$25
12 registration fee. Therefore, the net cost to GPSA will be an estimated cost of \$3,000.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christine Mosich
Delegate, College of Education

President _____ Affirm Veto

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