

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



**of the 66th Assembly**  
September 21, 2016

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

**Science Policy Society Town Hall Co-Sponsorship  
Funding for Town Hall Event**  
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Science Policy Society (SPS) will be hosting a town hall event titled  
3 “Citizen-Scientists: Science Policy in the Age of Promise and Peril”. This event will feature  
4 leading scientists and public figures, including current American Association for the  
5 Advancement of Science (AAAS) CEO and former congressman and physicist Dr. Rush Holt,  
6 Penn State climate scientist Dr. Michael Mann, and Penn State life science expert Dr. Peter  
7 Hudson. The goal of this event is to enable members of the Penn State and surrounding  
8 communities to learn about leading global challenges at the nexus of science and policy. In  
9 addition to this town hall session, SPS is planning events throughout the day to afford graduate  
10 students the opportunity to meet with Dr. Holt in a smaller setting.

11 The Graduate and Professional Student Association is responsible in part to provide support of  
12 scholarly activities and professional development. This event is of direct interest to students  
13 across the university as an interdisciplinary event targeting the ethical, political, and scientific  
14 impacts of science policy-making.

15 **Recommended Course of Action:**

16 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the co-sponsorship of this event in  
17 the amount of \$280. These funds will cover the cost of the room rental (\$60 hr/ 2hrs) and  
18 audio/visual equipment (\$160) for the town hall event.

19 The Graduate and Professional Student Association will actively participate in planning the  
20 event.

21 The Graduate and Professional Student Association will assist the Science Policy Society in  
22 providing publicity leading up to the event.

23 Respectfully submitted,

**Brian Conway**  
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

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

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