



Graduate and Professional Student Association

The Pennsylvania State University
315 HUB-Robeson Center
University Park, PA 16802
Email: gpsa@psu.edu

7

GPSA 68 th Assembly Meeting	Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018	6:00 pm 134 HUB-Robeson
--	---------------------------	---------------------------

8

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 8/29
- V. Open Student Forum
- VI. Special Presentation— Ben Locke, Director, Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
- VII. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. President—Brienne Pragg,
 - b. Vice President—Stephanie Winkler
 - c. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
 - d. Secretary—Nick Dietrich
 - e. Faculty Senate—Carmen Vanderhoof
 - f. Graduate Council—Claire Kelling
- VIII. New Business
 - a. New Delegate Confirmation
 - b. New Associate Justice Confirmation
 - c. Bill 68-07: 2018 Winter Gala
 - d. Bill 68-08: Professional Headshots
 - e. Bill 68-09: PSU Votes Week Gerrymandering Panel
- IX. Reports
 - a. Speaker of the Assembly – Sailahari Ponnaluri
 - b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Mikaela Westhoff
 - ii. Professional Development – Bagmi Das
 - iii. Programming- Charlie Wolstenholme
 - iv. Community Service – Charles Tierney
 - v. Internal Development – David Dopfel
 - c. Liaisons
 - d. Judiciary—The Honorable Eric Flagg
 - e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
 - f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
- X. Comments for the Good of the Order
- XI. Adjournment

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



of the 68th Assembly
September 12, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

2018 Winter Gala
Funding for Dinner Dance Expenses
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2

3 The Graduate and Professional Student Association is responsible to enrich graduate life at Penn
4 State. Over the past several years, the Winter Gala has become the cornerstone social program of the
5 fall semester sponsored by GPSA. It's an opportunity to bring all graduate and professional students
6 together for an enjoyable evening at the end of the fall semester before final exams and fall
7 graduation. The event comprises a buffet-style catered dinner, followed by a DJ and dancing.
8 Additionally, there is a charitable component of the event, through which attendees are encouraged to
9 support the local community. This year, the community service subcommittee is working with the
10 community outreach subcommittee to coordinate this.

11

12 **Recommended Course of Action:**

13

14 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the following expenses for the
15 Programming committee as part of the 2018 Winter Gala, which will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn
16 the first weekend of December. Students and guests will be charged a \$15 admission fee to recoup
17 some of the costs of the event. It is anticipated that 250 tickets will be sold and therefore \$3750 will
18 be returned to our ASA account following the event. There will be a cash bar present, but no alcohol
19 will be paid for by Student Activities Funds in accordance with Penn State policies.

20

21 - Security Deposit (non-refundable) - **\$200**

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40

- Dinner Buffet - **\$10,620** (\$36/plate x 250 plates + 18% gratuity)

Tentative Menu

Appetizer:

- Salad Display with Seasonal Toppings and Selection of Three Dressings
- Seasonal Vegetable Display with Variety of Pickled, Grilled, Marinated, and Fresh Vegetables Served with Red Pepper Aioli
- Bread Station with Rolls and Butter

Dinner:

- Cucumber Salad with Tomato, Mint, Flat Leaf Parsley, and Mild Green Chili; Dressed with Olive Oil, Lemon, and Scallions
- Berkshire Short Ribs with Apples
- Chicken Cacciatore
- Bouillabaisse of Seafood Including Scallops, Mussels, Squid, and Shrimp
- Creamy Polenta
- Roasted Fennel and Baby Crimini Mushrooms

Dessert:

- Decadent Flourless Chocolate Torte

- Disc Jockey + Photo Booth + Up-lighting - **\$1000.00** (Contract tentative with “And We Danced”)

- Dance Floor Rental - **\$400**

- Decorations - **\$100**

Total: \$12,320

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Wolstenholme
Programming Subcommittee Chair
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

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



of the 68th Assembly

September 12, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Fall Professional Head Shots

Funding for Professional Head Shots for Graduate Students

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2
3 Part of GPSA’s mission is to promote professional and job related opportunities for graduate and
4 professional students. Establishing a professional identity usually requires professional headshots,
5 which can be used on LinkedIn and other professional-related digital sources.

6
7 In order to provide an ample range of times for graduate and professional students to get their
8 headshots taken, there will be two days with three hours of available slots on each day. Each
9 headshot takes approximately 5 minutes, allowing up to 72 participants. Registration will be
10 advertised through the GPSA Newswire prior to the event.

11
12 **Recommended Course of Action:**

13
14 The Professional Development Committee will hold a professional headshot event for graduate
15 and professional students in HUB 134 in on November 5 and 6, 2018. Headshots at the past two
16 events have been taken by photographer Michael Davis, whose work can be found at
17 www.mtdphotography.com.

18
19
20 Photography Service: \$800 (estimated \$50 for set up each day, then \$125/hour)

21 Total: \$800

Respectfully submitted,
Bagmi Das
Delegate, College of Education

Shawn Siroka
Delegate, College of Engineering

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

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



of the 68th Assembly
September 12, 2018

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Gerrymandering Panel Discussion and Voter Registration Event
Funding for Gerrymandering Panel and Voter Registration Event
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2
3 A great number of Penn State graduate and professional students will be voting in Centre County
4 and in the state of Pennsylvania. The redrawing of district lines has been a topic in the state
5 legislature and is relevant to how the state votes and how students are represented in the
6 government. This panel bring professors and local experts on the state of gerrymandering in
7 Pennsylvania and around the country to an information session and discussion with graduate and
8 professional students. Part of GPSA’s community outreach is to encourage involvement in the
9 community through understanding issues and decision-making in the community. Therefore,
10 there is a need to educate graduate students and professionals. Additionally, many new graduate
11 students and professionals have not yet registered to vote. With the upcoming midterm elections,
12 graduate and professional students can benefit from easy access to voter registration and
13 nonpartisan information about current issues.

14
15 **Recommended Course of Action:**

16
17 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Outreach
18 committee to purchase the following items for a voter registration event with a gerrymandering
19 panel consisting of community workers and academics on Wednesday, September 26th during
20 “PSU Votes” Week.

21 Wegman’s Sub Platters: \$55 x 3 = \$165

1 Water Bottles: $\$2.59 \times 2$ packs of 35 = $\$5.18$
2 Plates: $\$11.49$ (60 count)
3 Cups: $\$11.49$ (120 count)
4 Reservation Fee for HUB 129B: $20\$/\text{hour} \times 2$ hours = $\$40$
5
6 Total: **$\$233.16$**
7

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Tierney
Delegate, College of Engineering

Bagmi Das
Delegate, College of Education

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association