

1	GPSA Resolution 12:	
2	Subsidizing Graduate and Professional Student Travel to	
3	the March for Science	
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5 6	Sponsored by: Tyler McCann	
7	WHEREAS, on February 6th, 2017 Advancing Science and Policy (ASAP)	
8	spoke to the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly in regards to the	
9	March for Science taking place on April 22, 2017, in Washington D.C1; and	
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11	WHEREAS ASAP is a graduate student group "dedicated to training STEM	
12	researchers and graduate students to share the value and significance of	
13	their work with policy makers"2; and	
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15	WHEREAS the March for Science self-identifies as a "diverse, nonpartisan	
16	group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political	
17	leaders and policy makers to enact evidence based policies in the public	
18	interest" ³ ; and	
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20	WHEREAS one of Cornell University's core values is a "commitment to	
21	search for knowledge-based solutions to societal and world problems" and	
22	to "use knowledge to enlighten ourselves and benefit the world"4; and	
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24	WHEREAS Cornell University's outreach mission "emphasizes being	
25	proactive (actively engaged) and having a public impact"4; and	
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27	WHEREAS the March for Science's motivation is in line with Cornell	
28	University's mission; and	



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30	WHEREAS ASAP described their efforts to organize and fund charter bus	
31	service for graduate and professional students to attend this event both at	
32	the February 6th, 2017 GPSA Meeting and the February 9th, 2017	
33	Appropriations Committee Meeting; and	
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35	WHEREAS this event is open to all matriculated graduate and professional	
36	students on a first come, first-served basis; and	
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38	WHEREAS ASAP disseminated a survey for graduate and professional	
39	students to reserve a space on the buses that will remain open until March	
40	3rd ⁵ ; and	
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42	WHEREAS as of March 6, 2017, 148 graduate and professional students	
43	have reserved a seat on one of ASAP's buses, and 4 individuals have been	
44	placed on a waitlist; and	
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46	WHEREAS ASAP in conjunction with the Graduate School have booked 1	
47	39-passenger bus at \$3,884 and 2 56-passenger buses at \$9,260 (totalling	
48	151 individuals, including a single driver per bus) which can be seen in the	
49	attached invoice document; and	
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51	WHEREAS the total cost for this reservation is \$13,144; and	
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53	WHEREAS the Graduate School is contributing \$3500 to ASAP to help	
54	cover the cost; and	



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WHEREAS ASAP has already secured \$3000 through their own fundraising 56 efforts; and 57 58 59 WHEREAS ASAP is currently and actively seeking out additional fundraising options, but they are asking the GPSA for assistance in securing 60 funding for the three reserved buses; and 61 62 WHEREAS as of March 3, 2017 the GPSA holds \$23,430.26 in rollover 63 64 funds to be utilized for an event or service accessible to all graduate and professional students; 65 66 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that ASAP will inform the GPSA 67 Appropriations Committee of all fundraising efforts undertaken and how 68 much revenue is generated from these events prior to chartering any buses; 69 70 71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the GPSA will grant ASAP up to \$5,600 to charter three buses to take 148 graduate and professional students, their 72 73 spouses or partners and/or children (\$37.84/individual) to the March for 74 Science in Washington D.C. on April 22, 2017; 75 76 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the external sources of funding will be 77 fully utilized before the GPSA Appropriations Committee funds, and that copies of the receipts from the bus order and a final headcount the day of 78 the event will be provided to the GPSA Appropriations Committee, with the 79 exact number of graduate and professional students, their spouses 80 81 partners and/or children noted.



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- 86 GPSA Appropriations Committee Chair
 - 1. <u>Link to March for Science website</u>
 - 2. Link to ASAP website
 - 3. <u>Link to March for Science mission</u>
 - 4. <u>Link to Cornell University's mission</u>
 - 5. <u>Link to ASAP reservation survey</u>