

Council of Graduate Students

Michigan State University

Resolution: 19-FS-20

Title: A Resolution in Support of a Multicultural Building

Introduced by: President Abel

Introduced on: December 4, 2019

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, MSU is convening a feasibility study group to discuss the formation of a Multicultural Building; and,

WHEREAS, Students for a Multicultural Building have been advocating for a free-standing Multicultural center; and,

WHEREAS, Students for a Multicultural Building note that spaces for marginalized groups at MSU are currently scattered across campus and located in basements¹; and,

WHEREAS, Multicultural Buildings at peer institutions provide a central space on campus for students to socialize, learn, collaborate, and engage in leadership building; and,

WHEREAS, A Multicultural Center would be more accommodating of the intersectionality of identity than current arrangements at MSU, allowing students to easily access multiple groups with which they affiliate; and,

WHEREAS, Multicultural Buildings also provide the opportunity for students to learn about identity groups that they are not a part of, increasing understanding and bridging cultural divides; and,

RECOGNIZING, MSU students have been advocating for multicultural spaces for decades; and,

RECOGNIZING, Graduate students would benefit from having a space to meet others and learn more about our diverse campus communities; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Council of Graduate Students supports the creation of a Multicultural Building in a central area of campus at MSU; and, be it,

RESOLVED, The design and implementation of this building should continue to be a student-driven; and, be it,

¹ *Free-Standing Multicultural Building at Michigan State University*. Change.org petition


RESOLVED, This resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.

VOTED ON: 12/4/19

VOTE:
28 FOR
6 AGAINST
3 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President