

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Michigan State University

Resolution: 16-FS-06?

Title: Resolution to adopt virtual voting procedures

Introduced by: Executive Board

Introduced on: 09/07/16

Supported by:

**THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ENACTS:**

- 1 WHEREAS, the vital functions of COGS must be accomplished in a timely manner,
- 2 WHEREAS, the COGS by-laws require that such tasks be accomplished through a majority vote
3 of the Full Council at either regularly scheduled or special Full Council meetings,
- 4 RECOGNIZING, time available to address, discuss and vote on actionable items at Full Council
5 meetings is limited,
- 6 BE IT RESOLVED, that between Full Council meetings during the Academic Year, for
7 actionable items requiring a majority of the COGS Full Council vote, for committee sign ups for
8 issues critical to continuation of normal business operations, and to approve resolutions and
9 recommendations from a COGS sanctioned committee, an online vote of the Full Council may
10 be conducted to take one of three actions: to approve the proposed action, reject the proposed
11 action, or to call a special meeting to discuss a particular proposal put forward by a majority of
12 the Executive Board, or by petition of 30% of Full Council representatives.
- 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all documents and information pertaining to the action in
14 question be published on D2L, that a discussion forum specific to the action in question be
15 opened and that online voting be opened simultaneously and remain open for at least two weeks
16 through the online portal unless explicitly classified as emergency action.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when requested by a Representative Member during the
18 two week period between start and close of vote, any additional information and documentation
19 pertaining to the proposal in question should be published within 48 hours of the request during
20 regular business hours and within 72 hours if requested during weekends.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, any such online poll remain open for two weeks or until all
22 representative members recognized as of the previous full council meeting have voted.
- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the opening of the vote shall be advertised via email and
24 d2l for all representatives and that at least three reminders to vote will be sent to the Full Council
25 representatives within the last week with at least one and no more than two reminders within the
26 last 24 hours.
- 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should at the end of the voting period there not be votes
28 equal to that which constitute quorum that the vote shall be considered void.