COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Michigan State University

Resolution: 16-FS-14
Title: Supporting the Olin proposal to create a mental health position in OISS
Introduced by: President Jordan Introduced on: 11/9/2016
Supported by: Graduate Welfare Committee

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ENACTS:

WHEREAS, The significant increase in the number of international students at MSU and the
related increase in mental health concerns within this population, have grown accordingly, and in
response, the campus has been expanding its public health model with regard to the issue of student
mental health;

WHEREAS, The MSU survey results from the National College Health Assessment (NCHA,
2014) indicate that international students are in greater distress than domestic students in a number of
critical domains such as, depression, attempted suicide, and academic performance impacted by
depression and homesickness;

WHEREAS, International graduate students comprise 32% of the graduate clinical population in
the Counseling Center;

WHEREAS, Delayed help-seeking and increased stigma contribute to increased acuity and risk
level, as international students are more likely to wait until they are in a significant crisis before seeking
mental health treatment;

RECOGNIZING, A new position, located within OISS, will increase their ability to respond to
international students’ mental health needs through outreach, primary prevention services, consultation,
and referral to clinical resources;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of Graduate Students supports the creation of this new
position in OISS dedicated for outreach to the international student population with a specific focus on
mental health issues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution should take effect immediately, upon its
endorsement by the Full Council in which it is adopted.

VOTE TOTALS: 50
46 FOR
1 AGAINST
3 ABSTAIN

Recording Secretary

President