

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:

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

5 WHEREAS, The MSU survey results from the National College Health Assessment (NCHA,
6 2014) indicate that international students are in greater distress than domestic students in a number of
7 critical domains such as, depression, attempted suicide, and academic performance impacted by
8 depression and homesickness;

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


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

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

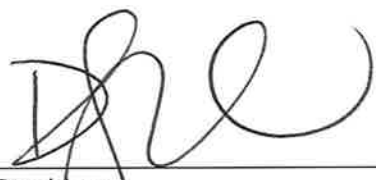
17 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of Graduate Students supports the creation of this new
18 position in OISS dedicated for outreach to the international student population with a specific focus on
19 mental health issues;

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

VOTE TOTALS: 50
46 FOR
1 AGAINST
3 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President