

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Michigan State University

Resolution: 16-FS-15

Title: A resolution to establish a mental health services bridge fund

Introduced by: President Jordan

Introduced on: 11/9/2016

Supported by: Representative Okeke and the Graduate Welfare Committee

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ENACTS:

1 WHEREAS, the Student Health Services (SHS) has identified graduate and professional students
2 who have exhausted Student Health Fee funded visits (psychiatry) and have demonstrated difficulty in
3 paying for services;

4 WHEREAS, this circumstance presents itself as a barrier for those who need access to mental
5 health support, specifically psychiatric services;

6 RECOGNIZING, The SHS has a procedure to establish a discretionary funding project with the
7 capacity to reach a specific student group or population;

8 RECOGNIZING, This is used to supplement the funding of healthcare services for individual
9 students identified by SHS as having financial difficulty;

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That COGS allocates \$5,000 for the establishment of a mental health service
11 bridge fund specifically for graduate and professional students with financial barriers to the access of
12 psychiatric services;

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This fund will be administered by the SHS and will follow the
14 same policies and procedures of their primary/mental health assistance funding


15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution should take effect immediately upon its
16 endorsement by the Full Council in which it is adopted and will conclude at the completion of the 2016-
17 2017 academic year;

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any funds remaining at the end of this 2016-2017 academic
19 year should be returned to the Council of Graduate Students and used for the following year's programs

VOTE TOTALS: 48

45 FOR
2 AGAINST
1 ABSTAIN


Recording Secretary


President