COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS  
Michigan State University

Resolution: 16-FS-16  
Title: A resolution to amend the Constitution to include a three-week election transition period  
Introduced by: President Jordan  
Introduced on: 11/9/2016
Supported by: Representatives de Lima, Farley, Mills, and Okeke

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the current wording in Section 5.2 “Election and Term” in the Constitution reads, “The Full Council shall elect the Officers of Section 5.1. The elections of the Officers shall be held during the second-to-last regular meeting of the Spring Semester. A full term of office shall commence the day after the election and terminate the day of the election of officers the following year.”;

RECOGNIZING, there is no current wording in the Constitution enforcing and explaining the transition of responsibilities from the serving Officers to the Officers-elect;

RECOGNIZING, During the three-week transition period, the current officers will transition their responsibilities to the newly elected officers and during this time the officer-elect will shadow the current officers as they carry out their duties and responsibilities;

RECOGNIZING, This transition period will included a series of meetings with University Administrators, the current Officers, COGS Office Staff and other individuals pertinent to the functioning of the organization. A proper handoff will ensure organizational stability and a seamless transfer of institutional knowledge from Eboard to Eboard;

RECOGNIZING, This will ensure that the officers-elect have the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to assume their full responsibilities at the conclusion of the transition period, while simultaneously making sure that there is continuity in the services offered by COGS to the graduate and professional students;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the wording in Section 5.2 “Election and Term” in the Constitution should be amended to, “The Full Council shall elect the Officers of Section 5.1. The elections of the Officers shall be held during the second-to-last regular meeting of the Spring Semester. The three weeks following the election will be a transition period. During this time the serving officers will transition their responsibilities to the newly elected officers. A full term of office shall commence at the end of the three-week transition period after the election and terminate at the end of the three-week transition period following the election of officers the following year.”;

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:

FOR: 
AGAINST: 4
ABSTAIN:

Recording Secretary

[Signature]

President