

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

VOTE TOTALS:

42 FOR
1 AGAINST
2 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President