

**Council of Graduate Students**  
**Michigan State University**

**Resolution:** 20-FS-14

**Title:** A Resolution to Increase the Pool of Graduate Students Eligible to Serve on the Student Faculty Staff Hearing Board (SFSB) for the 20-21 Academic Year

**Introduced by:** President Abel

**Introduced on:** November 18, 2020

**THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:**

WHEREAS, The Dean of Students Office has seen an increase in student disciplinary referrals related to alleged violations of the MSU Community Compact and its associated Directives; and,

WHEREAS, Students who deny the allegations and request a board hearing go before the Student Faculty Staff Hearing Board (SFSB), the only disciplinary hearing board able to recommend suspension and/or expulsion from the University; and,

WHEREAS, The SFSB has a pool of 13 members, from which 5 must be present to constitute a quorum; and,

WHEREAS, The Dean of Students Office has indicated that, should students accused of violating the Community Compact choose a board hearing, the SFSB could quickly become backlogged and cases from the Fall may stretch into late Spring; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The COGS Full Council authorizes graduate students appointed to other Dean of Students hearing boards to serve on the SFSB for the 20-21 academic year; and, be it,

RESOLVED, COGS endorses an amendment to Article 4 of the Student Rights and Responsibilities allowing for students who have been trained and appointed to the SFSB in prior years to serve as alternates, as needed; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That this resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.

VOTED ON: 11/18/2020

VOTE:

27 FOR  
0 AGAINST  
11 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President