

Council of Graduate Students

Michigan State University

Resolution: 20-FS-19

Title: A Resolution in Support of Changing the Definition of “Student” in the *Student Rights and Responsibilities*

Introduced by: President Abel

Introduced on: December 9, 2020

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, MSU has engaged in a review of the current definition of “student” as outlined in the *Student Rights and Responsibilities* and the Academic Programs website; and,

WHEREAS, Stakeholders identified three problems with the existing definitions of a student:

1. MSU has multiple student definitions.
2. The current definition lacks clarity about the start date and student rights and responsibilities in the summer prior to their first MSU semester
3. The current definition's allowance for students to "leave" MSU and avoid their rights and responsibilities as outlined in Spartan Life; and,

WHEREAS, MSU conducted a review of definitions at other Big 10 Universities and conversations with relevant stakeholders, including the Graduate School; and,

WHEREAS, The following new definition of a student has been proposed:

“A student is a person enrolled or participating in a collegiate-level, University-sponsored program or course, regardless of program level; full-time or part-time status; credit, degree, or certificate awarded; location; or mode of instruction. A person remains a student until graduation or completion of the program, permanent dismissal, or non-attendance for three full, consecutive semesters (including summer semester). This definition includes a person who is on a leave of absence, withdraws, recess, or graduates after an alleged violation of student conduct policies.”

Therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Council of Graduate Students supports amending the *Student Rights and Responsibilities* to incorporate the new definition of a student; and, be it further,

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

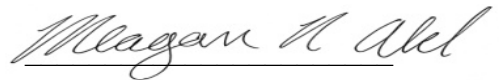
VOTED ON: 12/9/2020

VOTE:

26 FOR
0 AGAINST
8 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President