

Council of Graduate Students
Michigan State University

Resolution: 21-SS-39

Title: A Resolution Requesting Graduate Student Inclusion in Spring 2021
Commencement Ceremonies

Introduced by: Executive Board

Introduced on: March 17, 2021

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

WHEREAS, MSU is holding modified, in-person commencement ceremonies in the spring of 2021 to accommodate the current Covid-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, According to the released schedule¹, ceremonies are being offered on a college-level to all undergraduates and professional students in the College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Human Medicine, and College of Law; and,

WHEREAS, Commencement for Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctoral students are being planned for virtual-only; and,

WHEREAS, Graduate students have expressed disappointment that they are excluded from the opportunity to have a modified, in-person ceremony; and,

RECOGNIZING, Current health restrictions make a typical all-Advanced Degree hooding ceremony impractical; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) requests that all graduating Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctoral students be included in their college-wide ceremonies; and, be it further,

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

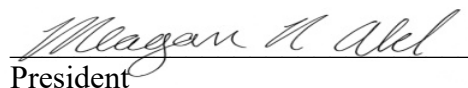
VOTED ON: 3/17/21

VOTE TOTALS:

23 FOR
2 AGAINST
9 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President

¹ <https://commencement.msu.edu/schedules>