

Council of Graduate Students
Michigan State University

Resolution: 23-FS-04

Title: A Resolution to Endorse and Accept Responsibility for the Evaluation and Distribution of Recreational and Wellness Center Fee Relief Funding

Introduced by: COGS Executive Board

Introduced on: September 20, 2023

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

RECOGNIZING, The importance of providing financial support to graduate students;

RECOGNIZING, In response to concerns raised by students with financial difficulty, Student Life and Engagement, The Graduate School, and the Office of Research and Innovation have pledged to donate \$5,000-10,000 to a fund intended to relieve financial hardship incurred by graduate and professional students in response to the recent increase in the Recreational and Wellness Center fee to \$340 per year [1-2];

RECOGNIZING, The COGS Executive Board has identified several criteria that will be used to filter out those who apply to receive fee relief for financial neediness:

- All applications will be reviewed in chronological order, meaning that the first student to apply will be the first to receive consideration for funding;
- The individual applying must be a graduate or professional student attending Michigan State University;
- The individual applying may not be a Teaching Assistant, participate in a fully online degree program, or receive financial aid in any form, including in the form of an assistantship or gifts since they are already exempted from paying this fee;
- Must submit a 250-word essay explaining their financial neediness;
- Must provide a copy of their student account summary charge as proof that they have been charged the Recreational and Wellness Center fee; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Council of Graduate Students endorses the creation of the Recreational and Wellness Center fee relief fund; and, be it,

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

VOTED ON: September 20, 2023

VOTE TOTALS:

<u>37</u>	FOR
<u>1</u>	AGAINST
<u>1</u>	ABSTAIN


Recording Secretary
President

References:

[1] Bollman, D. J. (2023). "Memorandum: Authorization to Proceed Student Recreation and Wellness Center." *Michigan State U.*, <https://trustees.msu.edu/meetings/documents/2023/BF7-PROCEED%20Student%20Recreation%20and%20Wellness%20Center.pdf>

[2] Gore, V. (2021). "Update for students." *Michigan State U.*, <https://recsports.msu.edu/events/Rebuilding.html>