

Council of Graduate Students

Michigan State University

Resolution: 24-SS-42

Title: A Resolution to Approve the WDBM Tax Increase Referendum Language

Introduced by: Treasurer Roberts

Introduced on: March 13, 2024

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, The FM Radio Tax supports all operations of the student-run radio station at MSU: Impact 89 FM | WDBM-FM; and,

WHEREAS, MSU's Student Fee Collection policy stipulates that all student taxes must be renewed by referendum every three years; and,

WHEREAS, The FM Radio Tax is up for its 3 year renewal referendum; and,

WHEREAS, The FM Radio Tax is currently at \$3.00 per semester and applies to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students; and,

RESOLVED, The COGS Full Council approves the following language to be included on the 2024 Tax Referendum and Student Elections ballot:

Explanation: For the first time in over 20 years, the MSU Radio Board voted to modify and increase the FM Radio Tax during its meeting on January 25, 2024. This increase would allow the student-run campus radio station, Impact 89FM | WDBM-FM, to continue providing and enhancing broadcasting, online streaming, and campus-based services for undergraduate and graduate students amidst the rising cost of operations, including student salaries.

In accordance with the MSU Student Fee Collection (Student Taxation) Policy, Impact 89FM | WDBM-FM must hold a student referendum to modify its mandatory and refundable tax. Voting "yes" on this proposal will allow Impact 89FM | WDBM-FM to modify and increase the FM Radio Tax from \$3.00 to \$5.00, which will be collected from each undergraduate and graduate student at the beginning of every fall, spring, and summer semester for the next three (3) academic years.

Proposition: Shall the University on behalf of Impact 89FM | WDBM-FM modify and increase the FM Radio Tax from \$3.00 to \$5.00, which will be collected from each student at the beginning of every fall, spring, and summer semester to support Impact 89FM | WDBM-FM, MSU's student-run radio station, for the next three (3) academic years, provided that a student may obtain a refund within the first ten (10) days of each semester?; and, be it further,