

Council of Graduate Students
Michigan State University

Resolution: 24-SS-40

Title: A Resolution to Approve Recommended Modifications to the COGS Bylaws

Introduced by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Introduced on: March 13, 2024

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

WHEREAS, the use of gender-specific pronouns in the COGS Constitution and Bylaws does not reflect the diverse identities of our members and may create an environment of exclusion;

WHEREAS, inclusivity and respect for all members' identities are fundamental values that COGS seeks to uphold in all its activities and documents;

WHEREAS, some roles and responsibilities of executive board members as currently outlined in the COGS Constitution and Bylaws are ambiguous, leading to confusion among members and the executive board;

WHEREAS, the Full Council approved a resolution, 23-FS-18, to allocate interests from the COGS Long-Term Investment Account to the Executive Board Fellowships;

AND WHEREAS, virtual meetings have become a critical component of the Council's ability to maintain continuity, inclusivity, and flexibility in its operations;

RECOGNIZING, that clear, inclusive hybrid practices and language, and well-defined roles are essential for the effective operation of COGS and fulfillment of its mission; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, the COGS Full Council approves the proposed changes to the COGS Bylaws;

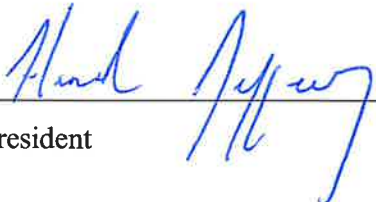
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.

VOTED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

37 FOR
0 AGAINST
0 ABSTAIN


Recording Secretary


President