Council of Graduate Students

Michigan State University

Resolution: 25-FS-11

Title: A Resolution to Sponsor the 2026 HEAL Sexual Health Conference

Introduced by: Executive Board Introduced on: October 1, 2025

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the 2026 Healthcare, Education, Advocacy, Leaders (HEAL) Sexual Health Conference, organized by MSU Women and Gender Equity (WAGE) on the theme "Committed to Learn • Driven to Change", will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at the MSU Union on the Michigan State University campus; and,

WHEREAS, the HEAL Sexual Health Conference aims to bring awareness to and encourage scientific sexual health research along with community engagement and discussion; and highlights the work of healthcare, education and advocacy leaders in our Michigan community and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, the 2025 HEAL Conference had over 200 attendees, showcased 30 research posters, and featured insights from 32 experts in the field providing panel sessions, and keynote speakers Justin Hooks and Dr. Sabrina Ford; and,

RECOGNIZING, growth, empathy, and meaningful change begin with a willingness to learn and engage in critical conversations; and this conference creates a space not only for attendees to reflect on what sexual health means to them, but also how it impacts their communities; and,

RECOGNIZING, it is important to provide professional development opportunities for graduate and professional students to present and network; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, the Full Council sponsors the 2026 HEAL Sexual Health Conference in the amount of \$500.00, including \$250.00 to purchase registrations for 10 graduate or professional students and \$250.00 to sponsor a Conference Discussion session, which covers the cost of Audio/Visual Equipment for an educational conference session and, in exchange, COGS will receive a shout-out at that session; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, if no more Conference Discussion sessions are available to be sponsored by the time this resolution is passed, then \$250.00 will instead be used to purchase additional registrations for graduate or professional students; 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: 1, 2025

VOTE TOTALS:

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Recording Secretary

President