

Council of Graduate Students
Michigan State University

Resolution: 25-FS-12

Title: A Resolution to Revise Funding Guidelines for the COGS GSO Support Award

Introduced by: Executive Board

Introduced on: October 1, 2025

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

WHEREAS, the COGS 2023-2024 Equity and Anti-discrimination report found that students report their department to be a common source of belonging, but do not report experiencing high belongingness at the department level; and, when evaluating components that makeup belonging, graduate students highly endorsed university unit's ability to create an inclusive culture, and foster community; and,

RECOGNIZING, that the COGS GSO Support Award was established to support smaller-scale events geared toward building fellowship in individual programs, departments, or GSOs, which are vital to promoting feelings of belonging and wellbeing among graduate and professional students; and,

RECOGNIZING, that COGS is required to only disperse funds to GSOs that are properly registered with Michigan State University through Involve@State; and,

RECOGNIZING, that the rules of Involve@State state that the GSOs must establish a University Account with a minimum deposit to be registered, and this deposit needs to be financed by the GSO without any help from external party; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Full Council approves updating the funding guidelines attached to this resolution so that the COGS GSO Support Award will no longer be used to serve as a minimum deposit to establish a University Account for the GSO; and be it further,

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

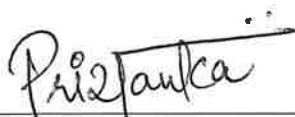
VOTED ON: *Oct 1, 2025*

VOTE TOTALS:

36 FOR 0 AGAINST 4 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President