

Council of Graduate Students

Michigan State University

Resolution: 26-SS-24

Title: A Resolution to Clarify Election and Voting Procedures in the Bylaws

Introduced by: COGS Eboard

Introduced on: January 21, 2026

Supported by: COGS Bylaws and Constitution Committee

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS the COGS Constitution stipulates that the officers serving as the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Recording Secretary shall be elected by the COGS Full Council in the second-to-last meeting of the Spring Semester, and establishes the voting procedures, and,

RECOGNIZING that the responsibility of conducting the COGS Executive Board elections and the voting procedures for conducting the routine business of COGS are sometimes vague, and,

RECOGNIZING that the Parliamentarian is the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and a source of authority for interpreting all the COGS legislation, and,

RECOGNIZING that the Parliamentarian is an appointed officer who holds no stake in the outcome of the COGS Executive Board elections; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED that COGS Full Council entrusts the Parliamentarian with the responsibility of conducting the annual elections to the COGS Executive Board; and, be it further,

RESOLVED that the COGS Full Council approves the changes to the voting and amendments procedures, and, be it further,

RESOLVED that the COGS Full Council approves amendment of COGS Bylaws Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.7, 5.9, 5.10, and 7.4.1 assigning voting rights and election procedures as outlined in the document titled "Elections Bylaws Update", 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: *Jan 21, 2026*

VOTE TOTALS: *44*

42 FOR

0 AGAINST

2 ABSTAIN



Secretary



President