

Council of Graduate Students
Michigan State University

Resolution: 26-SS-33

Title: A Resolution to Revise Director of Equity and Antidiscrimination to the Director of Outreach and COGS Representation Committee

Introduced by: COGS Eboard

Introduced on: February 18, 2026

Supported by: COGS Bylaws and Constitution Committee

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS Council of Graduate Student is the authorized student government representing all graduate and professional students at Michigan State University, working to promote the academic, social, and economic goals of graduate students and to establish effective communication among our graduate student body and the university administration, and,

WHEREAS the COGS Full Council is empowered to establish processes to communicate and connect with the registered graduate student groups, organizations and college units; and

WHEREAS the COGS Executive Board appoints a Director of Equity and Antidiscrimination every year; and,

WHEREAS the COGS bylaws extend the COGS Full Council membership to various graduate student organizations on the recommendation of the COGS Representation Committee; and,

RECOGNIZING that the role of Director of Equity and Antidiscrimination needs to be empowered and evolved to better serve the graduate student community; and,

RECOGNIZING that there is a gap in the COGS executive board for an officer responsible for connecting with graduate student organizations on campus and for conducting outreach activities on behalf of COGS; and,

RECOGNIZING that the nature of the student organizations that are admitted into the Full Council may change, evolve or become active/inactive from year to year depending on their internal team and programming; and,

RECOGNIZING that dynamic nature should be reflected in the Full Council membership; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED that COGS Full Council approves changing the position of “Director of Equity and Antidiscrimination” to that of an “Director of Outreach” and entrusts that officer with the set of rights and responsibility as laid out in the document titled “COGS Bylaws Director of Outreach”; and be it further,

RESOLVED that the Outreach Director will serve in an overall liaison role that shall communicate and connect COGS with various graduate student organizations and college units on campus; and be it further,