

Council of Graduate Students

Michigan State University

Resolution: 26-FS-05

Title: A Resolution to appoint a Director of Media on the COGS Executive Board on a trial basis

Introduced by: COGS Executive Board

Introduced on: September 9, 2026

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 there are approximately 10,500 graduate and professional students belonging to about 70 different academic departments and programs at Michigan State University; and,

WHEREAS the whole executive board in their own capacity does media and publicity work for COGS, and as such, it is difficult to clearly envision the role of Director of Media in the abstract; and,

WHEREAS we see participation from graduate students and representatives of some departments, colleges and units more than others within COGS programming; and,

RECOGNIZING that we need to reach out to all the graduate student units on campus and solicit participation from the entire MSU campus community; and,

RECOGNIZING that there is a need for a dedicated officer on the COGS Executive Board in an organizational and communication role to effectively engage with such a large graduate student body; and,

RECOGNIZING that we need to clearly define the role before writing it in the COGS bylaws; and,

RECOGNIZING that the COGS Bylaws and Constitution Committee is charged with making annual amendments and ratification of our Bylaws, which gives us enough time to try out the role before codifying it formally into our bylaws; and,

RECOGNIZING that every time an officer is appointed or elected in a role, they define it in their own way through their work; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED that the COGS Full Council approves the appointment of an officer in the role of “Director of Media” on the COGS Executive Board on a trial basis; and be it further,

RESOLVED that this role will be held by the appointed officer until February 2027 Full Council meeting; and, be it further,

RESOLVED that the COGS Executive Board will evaluate whether the role of Director of Media should be made permanent within the bylaws, and present it to the Full Council for vote by the February Full Council meeting; and be it further,

RESOLVED that the COGS Full Council approves sharing appropriate responsibilities between COGS officers that relate to communication with graduate student community to the Director of Media, upon appointment of the said officer; and be it further,

RESOLVED that the Director of Media shall be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Full Council; and be it further,

RESOLVED that the Director of Media shall be responsible for:

Handling the distribution of all general information to COGS Full Council and the Representative Members;

Maintaining the COGS Website, COGS Newsletter, and COGS social media accounts, in coordination with COGS Employees;

Making public announcements of all Full Council meetings;

Promoting COGS events and initiatives to overall graduate student community, along with the Director of Events Planning; and, be it further,

RESOLVED that the Director of Media shall be able to further define their work as it relates to COGS communication with the broader MSU graduate student community, and; be it further;

RESOLVED that the title and the details of roles and responsibilities are open to change once the trial period is over; and, be it further;

RESOLVED that the Director of Media shall be a non-voting member of the COGS Executive Board; and be it further,

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

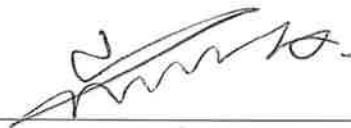
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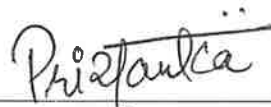
45 FOR

3 AGAINST

2 ABSTAIN



Secretary



President