

Graduate Student Council

GSC Resolution No. 2006-3

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A RESOLUTION TO: Express the opinion of the Graduate Student Council on the reduction of Thanksgiving Break from five days to three.

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council was requested by the University Senate to gather the Graduate Student opinion regarding a proposal to reduce the current five day Thanksgiving Break to three (which would move the extra two days into a four-day weekend break sometime in October); and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council did both discuss the proposal in the course of its regular meetings and solicit feedback from Graduate Students not in the Council; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming opinion is against the proposed change with supporting arguments including the difficulty and expense of travel with a shortened Thanksgiving Break, uncertainty about the perceived 'need' for a mid-October break, and the fact that a week-long Thanksgiving Break was one of the key selling points during argument for the transition from Quarters to Semesters.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Graduate Student Council hereby opposes any change to the MTU Academic calendar which involves reducing the existing five-day Thanksgiving Break to three days.