

Graduate Student Council

GSC Resolution No. 2006-2

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A RESOLUTION TO: Modify current Graduate Student tuition structure to allow 'ABD' PhD (and equivalent MS students) to waive the current '9 credit per semester' requirement to be considered full-time.

WHEREAS, PhD students, after completing their comprehensive/qualifying exams and thesis proposal defense, may still be enrolled performing research and writing for several years before completing their degree; and

WHEREAS, the current MTU enrollment policy requires 9 credits per semester to be maintained to be considered continuously enrolled; and

REALIZING, this results in PhD students accumulating an inordinate amount of 'PhD Research' credits; and

REALIZING, this results in a significant cost to the research fund or Department sponsoring the student; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Graduate Student Council suggests the MTU Administration modify the enrollment policy to allow PhD students who have completed both their comprehensive/qualifying exam and their thesis proposal defense (and MS students who have completed all the required coursework as specified on Graduate School form MEng2 or M4) be allowed to waive the 9 credit/semester requirement in favor of a 3 credit/semester requirement while still maintaining 'full-time' status