ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FIFTY-THIRD SESSION  

BILL NO.  53-08  
INTRODUCED BY: Orlando  
SECONDED BY: Fish  
BILL TO: Allocate funds toward Racial Literacy Workshop at MSU  
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:  

WHEREAS, The 52nd Session of ASMSU has had much discussion about how to  
become a more diverse and inclusive campus in several respects, including  
on campus experiences and off campus engagements at MSU; and,  

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University is in touch with  
many different communities throughout the East Lansing Community,  
including the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students ( CORES ), and;  

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard Stevenson, professor and nationally recognized clinical  
psychologist and researcher in community mental health networks  
conducted multiple workshops at MSU for faculty, staff, and students  
(graduate and undergraduate) on Racial Literacy with focus on discussions  
of race relations away from "colorblind-ness" toward racial literacy: the  
ability to read, recast, and resolve racially stressful encounters when they  
happen; and,  

WHEREAS, The evaluation from his workshop with faculty was 9.5 out of a 10 point  
scale, one of the highest rated evaluations for such a workshop, with the  
goal for this workshop to be for students to learn how to successfully  
engage and negotiate racial conflicts, and be able to share with others their  
learnings about racial literacy; and,  

WHEREAS, This is a two day workshop focusing on racial literacy and culturally  
relevant behavioral stress management skills; learning about the stress of  
racial/gender bias, conflict and discrimination and its impact; how racially  
literate individuals can engage and negotiate racial conflicts; how "in the  
moment" stress management racial negotiation intervention can reduce the  
stress of face-to-face encounters; apply and practice racial literacy coping  
skills during personal and professional racial encounters and be able to  
teach others about racial literacy; therefore, be it,  

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University will allocate $6,000  
toward the collaborative effort with the MSU Council of Graduate  
Students ( COGS ) and the Residence Halls Association ( RHA ) to host a  
racial literacy workshop in coordination with the Office for Inclusion and  
Intercultural Initiatives.
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