

**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.

INTRODUCED ON 9/1/16

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