

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

**BILL NO. 53-49**

**INTRODUCED BY: Noffsinger**

**SECONDED BY: Fish**

**A RESOLUTION TO: Support Action on Textbook Affordability in Higher Education**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

WHEREAS, ABTS is student advocacy organization, comprised of all 14 Big Ten Conference schools, that works to create solutions for some of the most pressing issues found on Big Ten campuses through collaboration and support of Federal policies; and,

WHEREAS, There are five resolutions being introduced by an array of member schools at the February 3-5, 2017 ABTS Spring Conference, addressing issues ranging from college affordability to campus sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU has already officially expressed its support for two resolutions, one calling upon the continuation of Title IX guidelines, and another calling for the support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU should also support ABTS legislation calling for universities as well as state and federal levels of government to take action on college affordability by way of textbook affordability; and,

WHEREAS, This body has endorsed specific legislation at the state level designed to lower the costs of textbooks, but it is incumbent upon this body to continue its support for textbook affordability by standing in solidarity with other Big Ten governments to take a holistic approach to textbook affordability; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) endorses ABTS legislation seeking to reign in the costs of textbooks by taking steps to address their need, the cost of access codes, the cost of newer editions, and the availability of tax credits and sales tax breaks on textbooks.

INTRODUCED ON 02/2/17

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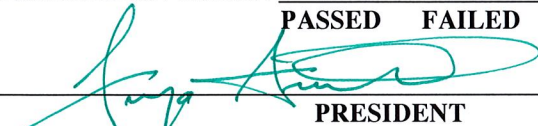
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