

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

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

BILL NO. 53-25

INTRODUCED BY: **Schiff**

SECONDED BY: **Allard**

A RESOLUTION TO: Express frustration to MSU's Student Affairs Department and Officials about the Greek Life Advisor search process and to request that student affairs reopen the search process immediately.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Michigan State University Greek Community is made up of over 4,000 students; and,

WHEREAS, The consistent advising provided by a full-time Student Affairs professional with a single purpose of overseeing Greek Affairs is a crucial component to the development of the Greek Community; and,

WHEREAS, Council-level leaders, chapter officers, and chapter members are dependent on an Advisor to offer support and guidance in order to ensure that the Greek Community is advancing in the right direction; and,

WHEREAS, The Greek Community has not had a Greek Life Advisor serving the community since May of 2016, and Council-level leaders have been informed that the job will remain vacant until the summer of 2017; and,

WHEREAS, The absence of a full-time Greek Life Advisor has had several negative implications on the operations and growth of the Greek community as a whole, nearly eliminating the amount and quality of advising that the Greek community has received; and,

WHEREAS, Administrators in the Student Affairs Department have not conducted the search process in a way that would allow for the vacancy to be promptly filled, including: delaying the start of the search process so that it began off-cycle of the typical Student Affairs search period, posting the position in June of 2016 though they were aware of the vacancy in the position as early as March of 2016; having no regard for student concerns with how the process was being conducted; calling the initial search a failed search, though Greek students and the Advisor Search Committee provided positive feedback for and recommended a candidate in the process; and

WHEREAS, The Relationship Agreement between MSU and Greek Life explicitly states that a full-time employee would be provided by MSU for the sole purpose of overseeing and advising the Greek Community using "dues" paid by the community members for the salary the advisor, which is a condition of this contractual obligation that MSU has not upheld; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University disapproves of how Student Affairs Administrators of Michigan State University have carried out the search process and calls for consideration of students concerns and

wishes as the process continues so that the Greek Community can receive the support it needs; and therefore, be it further,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University immediately requests Student Affairs to reopen the search process without expectations of continued payment of dues from Greek Councils toward an unfilled position.

INTRODUCED ON 10/27/16

REFERRED TO Policy ON 10/27/16

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA DATE 10/27/16

COMMITTEE ACTION X Voice-Majority 10/27/16
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice-Majority 11/3/16
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE


PRESIDENT


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