

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

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

BILL NO. 53-68

INTRODUCED BY: Rifiotis

SECONDED BY: Greenleaf

A RESOLUTION TO: Support the Counseling and Psychiatry Services (CAPS) Model by Keeling and Associates at Michigan State University

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University has long been advocating for improvements and changes to the MSU Counseling Center; and,

WHEREAS, In May 2016, a mandate was given by executive leadership at MSU to review the issues of the current Counseling and Olin Health Structure; including, but not limited to redundancies in intake and assessment of transferring students between one unit and another, challenges in the transfer of records and materials, the timely and full sharing of information related to student's health care, and in the scheduling and rescheduling of student appointments; and,

WHEREAS, A comprehensive plan to restructure the Counseling and Olin Psychiatric health services to students has been recommended by the firm of Keeling and Associates; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed plan has a new model of delivery with a clear point of entry for students into the health model with intentions to create a co-located behavioral health wellness network for counseling and psychiatric services (CAPS); and,

WHEREAS, The staffing situation in the Counseling Center has been and continues to see itself at a critical condition; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed plan will increase the complement of counseling providers, effectively committing a timely direct service to students, better meet the demands for appointments and respond effectively to the acuity and severity of student issues; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed plan would affirm and embrace the values of teamwork, collaboration, and diversity through a collaborative team-based approach to care with a blend of providers (psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, primary care providers, allied health professionals); and,

WHEREAS, A commitment to diversity and inclusion where a multicultural competence is a shared expectation, responsibility, and requirement for ongoing training and professional development; and the leadership prioritizes increasing and maintaining the diversity of providers and staff across the integrated entity; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed plan would expand the use of group therapy and social workers in the MSU Neighborhoods model, effectively locating health care support for MSU students throughout campus; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed plan would commit CAPS staff to utilize summer semesters on 12-month employment terms to perform critical preparatory and developmental

work activities, program assessment and development, and research and data analysis when demand for services is lower; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) and Council of Graduate Students (COGS) marketed and co-hosted student forums in the spring semester of 2017 to best attract and engage students at-large for input, feedback, and suggestions on the new plan; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) supports the new Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) plan for Michigan State University; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, ASMSU supports the plan on the contingency of advisory groups that would include representatives from ASMSU, COGS, RHA, and other vital campus partners that are student-driven to provide feedback continuously on the new plan; and be it further,

RESOLVED, ASMSU supports the plan on the contingency that the CAPS plan would support the continued efforts and programming initiatives dedicated to the year-long efforts around mental health awareness at Michigan State University such as Mental Health Awareness Week and the Spartan Support Network; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, ASMSU supports the plan on the contingency that the administration would guarantee that students are placed first and foremost before university politics, motives, and any other underlying directive that prohibits the direct success of a new plan without student input and/or considerations; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, ASMSU supports the plan on the contingency that the sexual assault program would remain a separate intake system and office due to professional ethics, best practices and legal requirements; but also see a continual assessment on the resources for this program.

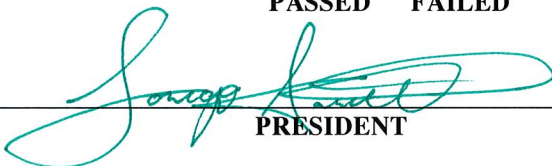
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COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		Voice-Majority	<u>03.30.2017</u>
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		Voice-Majority	<u>04.04.2017</u>
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