

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

FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

BILL NO. 52-49

INTRODUCED BY: SANTAVICCA SECONDED BY: ORLANDO

A RESOLUTION TO: Advocate for the Academic Orientation Program to implement a session strictly dedicated to educating incoming students about the diversity of the MSU Student Body

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Academic Orientation Program ("AOP") has been carefully planned to ease new student transition into college life at Michigan State University, including providing discussion and insight into a living-learning environment in one of the six neighborhoods, as well as highlighting several campus elements that are unique to Michigan State University; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan State University prides its core values of a Spartan being guided by inclusivity, providing opportunity for learners from all backgrounds to bring their passion and talent to join a vibrant, intellectual community built on mutual respect – to experience and to multiply the benefits of the power of knowledge throughout their lives; and,

WHEREAS, The current climate of campus inclusivity has called for a better re-evaluation for all units, departments, and people in their efforts to better the guiding principle of inclusivity at MSU (as mentioned previously), and the department of AOP puts together one of the first experiences that all Spartans must experience prior to their first semester on campus where this aspect is fundamental to recognizing; and,

WHEREAS, The current agenda for AOP does not clearly define a session or speaker to recognize that Michigan State University is home to a student body with more than ten diverse racial backgrounds, disabilities, sexual orientation differences, religious beliefs and gender identification differences to name a few; and, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University advocate for AOP to implement a session in the two-day agenda to educate incoming students about the diverse campus of Michigan State University, whether this involves hiring a speaker within the university of whom has knowledge from previous experiences or education in social justice to properly speak to these values, or assembling a panel of students and faculty to speak to the values and core principles of being an inclusive Spartan; and be it further,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University advocate for AOP to continue to educate AOP Staff on how to handle conversations around the subjects of diversity and inclusivity at Michigan State University by providing the staff with the most updated data to understand the nature of our student body diversity, as well as materials related to social justice prior to the official start of AOP; and be it further,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University advocate for AOP to provide materials and resources for students to get involved with the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students and the Council for Progressive Students (CORES and COPS) on campus, should they wish to identify with and/or become a member of these diverse programs in our department of MSU Student Life.

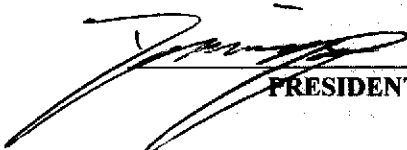
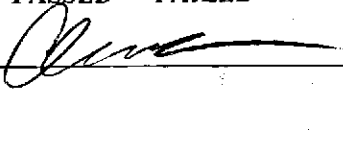
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