

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
FIFTY-SECOND SESSION**

BILL NO. 52-58

INTRODUCED BY: VANHUYSE SECONDED BY: WHITE

**A RESOLUTION TO: Endorse the establishment of a Curriculum Committee to Address
Concerns about Diversity and Inclusion within the Classroom**

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

- WHEREAS, A diverse environment includes, but is not limited to, individuals from varying backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ethnicities, disabilities, political beliefs and religions, that allows for a varied and nuanced understanding of the Michigan State University classrooms and campus experiences; and,
- WHEREAS, Michigan State University has continuously claimed a commitment to fostering a diverse environment that is accepting and understanding of all viewpoints expressed by the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students ("CORES") and Council of Progressive Students ("COPS") groups on campus; and,
- WHEREAS, Michigan State University's Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives states that "to be an inclusive campus is to respect and value differences and to encourage opportunities to capitalize on those differences"; and,
- WHEREAS, Many diverse groups and affected students have voiced concerns about marginalization within university classrooms and on campus through numerous town halls and "brave space" discussions across the university; and,
- WHEREAS, These events are often not attended by those students who often exhibit bias and prejudice within the classrooms and communities of Michigan State University; and,
- WHEREAS, The increase in these concerns demonstrates that the university is not fulfilling its mission to "capitalize" on the diversity within Michigan State University's campus; and,
- WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) is the governing body of all Michigan State University students and is a forum for the CORES and COPS organizations, as well as all colleges within the university; and therefore be it,
- RESOLVED, ASMSU endorses the establishment of a committee consisting of representatives from each of the following: CORES/COPS, ASMSU, and

faculty from a spectrum of studies at the university; and therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, The university undertakes a multilateral approach to counteract all bias and prejudice occurrences inside classrooms and on campus as a whole, while also upholding its aforementioned commitments to a diverse and open university by examining ways to improve curricula in that they address these concerns; and therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That these additions and/or improvements to curricula would engage all Spartans in a productive conversation that facilitates a greater understanding of the value of a diverse environment which exists on the campus of Michigan State University and fosters an individual's understanding of many backgrounds and values thereon.

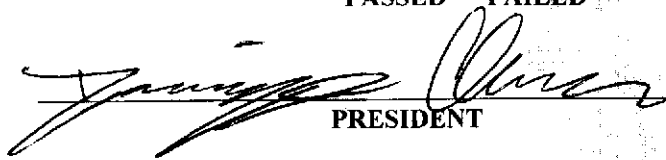
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