ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

BILL NO. 51-53

INTRODUCED BY: Clemons       SECONDED BY: Bell

A RESOLUTION TO: Support the space needs of the MSU Libraries

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Michigan State University Libraries’ mission statement states that the MSU Libraries exist to support the University's mission of preservation, creation, transmission and application of knowledge. The Libraries are a partner in the multifaceted activities related to the University's mission, providing access to resources to serve the educational needs of the students, faculty and staff of MSU, the citizens of Michigan, and the University's national and international clientele; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan State University Libraries are among the top 30 largest academic library systems in North America with over 7.6 Million unique print and electronic titles, and housing the largest academic voice library in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, With the closing of many of the MSU branch libraries, the Main Library is facing space limitations to holding all of the printed resources, and available space for study and utilizing the library collections is very limited; and,

WHEREAS, Currently the special collections section of the library valued at over 100 million dollars containing original prints of materials that are very rare and irreplaceable is located in the basement of the Main Library, which is an area that is vulnerable to flooding and other damage; and,

WHEREAS, Many volumes of printed materials located throughout the Main Library are not accessed very often by students or are available in an electronic format, but are important to keep print copies of; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University support moving the MSU Libraries Special Collections out of the basement of
the main library and into a space that can be temperature controlled and away from risk of damage; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That ASMSU supports the purchase of an off campus facility, and high density stacks to house print materials that are not regularly utilized or are available electronically to allow for more seating and study space, more collaborative technology rooms, and future collections at the MSU Main Library.

INTRODUCED ON 4/21/15

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FINAL ACTION TAKEN x Consent 4/2/15

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