ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

BILL NO. 54-25
INTRODUCED BY: Wise
SECONDED BY: Colpoys

A BILL TO: Allocate $2,000 to the #ElectHER training to encourage women to run for student government positions.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Women make up a mere 24.9 percent of all state legislators nationwide\(^1\) and 19.8 percent of the United States Congress (with 22 women [22 percent] in the United States Senate, and 84 women [19.3 percent] in the House of Representatives\(^2\)); and,

WHEREAS, Young men are more likely than young women to be socialized by their parents and encouraged by their peers to think about politics as career path\(^3\); and,

WHEREAS, In this body, Associated Students of Michigan State University, two-thirds of the elected college representatives in the General Assembly are men and one-third are women\(^4\), while, as of Fall 2017, women comprise 51.6% of Michigan State University’s total undergraduate population\(^5\); and,

WHEREAS, Only two out of six members, or one-third, of the Office of the President are women; and,

WHEREAS, Having more gender diversity in governing bodies at all levels not only brings different perspectives and approaches to some of the most pressing issues on campus; it also helps change societal norms and understandings about who can lead and what the qualities of a leader are; and

WHEREAS Women’s participation in collegiate student government has long-term implications for participation in electoral politics; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, ASMSU will allocate $2,000 from the General Fund to fund the #ElectHER training, which seeks to encourage more women to run for student government positions and participate further in civic life, that will take place on February 17\(^{th}\), 2018, with the funds being used to cover the program costs, food, and promotional materials.

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\(^1\) Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
\(^2\) Source: Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University
\(^3\) Girls Just Wanna Not Run: The Gender Gap in Young Americans’ Political Ambition—American University School of Public Affairs
\(^4\) Source: Associated Students of Michigan State University website
\(^5\) Source: MSU Facts
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