

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION**

**BILL NO. 54-55**

**INTRODUCED BY: Hawkins**

**SECONDED BY: Brenner**

**A BILL TO: Advocate for the restructuring of the conduct responsibilities at MSU by way of creating a new “Office of Dean of Students”**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

WHEREAS, In an effort to re-establish trust and faith in the University system to adjudicate non-academic cases of misconduct, most notably Title IX cases, action must be taken to change the current conduct system to re-prioritize student safety as the utmost concern of all University and community officials; and,

WHEREAS, The highly-involved role of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services with respect to the appeal stages of the student conduct system, regarding non-academic cases of misconduct, has previously created challenges for the Division’s ability to adequately follow through in a timely manner and fulfill all other duties and responsibilities of the Division related to the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, Hearing and sanctioning cases of academic misconduct at the University currently rests with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies; who is also tasked with a variety of other roles such as developing strong academics for the undergraduate experience; the first-year orientation program; ensuring the success of students in their early residency programs; the academic success initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, A role of the “Dean of Students” could specifically include the administration and facilitation of the student conduct process, specifically of the “Adjudication of Non-Academic Cases” and “Adjudication of Academic Cases” as found currently in Article 5 and 7, respectively, of the Student Rights and Responsibilities document of the Spartan Life Handbook; and,

WHEREAS, The opportunities would be endless to bolster resources and re-prioritize the needs within the Division of Student Affairs and Services that support students through registered student organizations, career services, outreach, development, service learning, marginalized communities and affinity organizations, among others; applicable as well to the Office of the Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies in the undergraduate academic experience; and,

WHEREAS, The "Office of the Dean of Students" would be well positioned to work in tandem with the newly created Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Education on campus, the University Ombudsperson, MSU Police Department, and Residence Life to provide educational support and resources to engage with students on the conduct process at MSU; and,

WHEREAS, The "Office of the Dean of Students" could encompass the work of building a better relationship between students and the institution regardless of on-campus or off-campus residence; addressing issues of high-risk in working with the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team (BTAT); and focusing specifically with the engagement, education and enforcement of regulations for students off-campus, working in tandem with the City of East Lansing, MSU Community Relations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, among other departments; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University strongly advocate for restructuring leadership responsibilities in the conduct process at MSU to re-establish trust in the student conduct system by way of creating an "Office of the Dean of Students" supported by multiple staff members for the sake of current and future Spartans; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, ASMSU recommends the immediate formation of a comprehensive working group to further explore this effort and establish a model that is specifically designed for the unique needs of MSU, inviting open and broad input from the diverse constituencies the conduct system serves, including internal and external stakeholders, as the success of these areas of campus and the community directly impacts such constituencies.

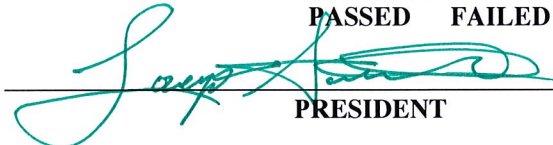
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PRESIDENT

  
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