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

BILL NO. 54-16

INTRODUCED BY: Donovan SECONDED BY: Wise

A RESOLUTION TO: Amend the Student Rights and Responsibilities Document

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Student Rights and Responsibility Document does not clarify what will happen if a student fails to comply with sanctions; and,

WHEREAS, The revisions regarding ‘suspension’ would bar suspended students attending Michigan State University-affiliated events, programs, and similar activities; and,

WHEREAS, The office of the Ombudsperson can currently only be occupied by a senior faculty member or executive manager; and,

WHEREAS, The current Ombudsperson, Dr. Robert Caldwell, recommends that any qualified person be eligible for consideration to serve in the role; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Rights and Responsibility Document lacks a clear definition of student; and,

WHEREAS, MSU’s General Counsel has approved the amended definitions; and,

WHEREAS, these proposed changes passed through the University Committee on Student Affairs on November 17, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, all changes are required to go through ASMSU before proceeding to University Council [Article 12, Section 4 of SRR]; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University endorse amending the Student Rights and Responsibilities Document in accordance with the attached appendix.

INTRODUCED ON November 30, 2017

REFERRED TO Policy COMMITTEE ON November 30, 2017

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Proposed Changes to Student Rights and Responsibilities Document

SRR Article 5, I.H

Current Language: “Sanctions for Personal Misconduct. Disciplinary sanctions imposed should be based on a consideration of all circumstances in a particular case, including a student’s prior record of misconduct, if any.”

Proposed Language: “Sanctions for Personal Misconduct. Disciplinary sanctions imposed should be based on a consideration of all circumstances in a particular case, including a student’s prior record of misconduct, if any. Failure to comply with a sanction or any conditions of a sanction imposed may form the basis for additional conduct charges and the imposition of more severe disciplinary sanctions.”

SRR Article 5, I.H.7

Current Language: “Suspension: A suspension is temporary removal from the University for a particular period of time, at the conclusion of which the student is eligible to apply for readmission. A suspension may also be a conditional suspension, in which case the student must demonstrate that he/she has fulfilled stated conditions prior to applying for readmission. Only the Vice President may impose the sanction of suspension from the University.”

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SRR Article 10.1

Current language: “The President shall appoint a senior faculty member or executive manager with the title of University Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson shall respect the sensitive and confidential nature of the position and the privacy of all persons soliciting assistance from the Office of the Ombudsperson, thereby protecting them against retaliation. The Ombudsperson’s functions shall include the following charges: [charges omitted].”

Proposed language: “The President shall appoint a senior faculty member, executive manager, or other qualified person with the title of University Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson shall respect the sensitive and confidential nature of the position and the privacy of all persons soliciting assistance from the Office of the Ombudsperson, thereby protecting them against retaliation. The Ombudsperson’s functions shall include the following charges: [charges omitted].”

SRR Article 11: Definitions and Acronyms – “Ombudsperson”

Current language: “The University Ombudsperson, a senior faculty member or executive manager who assists members of the MSU community in resolving complaints or concerns confidentially, informally, impartially, and independently.”
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**Proposed language:** “The University Ombudsperson, a senior faculty member, executive manager, or other qualified person who assists members of the MSU community in resolving complaints or concerns confidentially, informally, impartially, and independently.”

**SRR Article 11: Definitions and Acronyms – “Student”**

**Current language:** “An individual is considered a student from the Semester Start Date of the first term for which the individual has enrolled until graduation, recess, dismissal, or withdrawal from the University or he/she fails to register for more than one consecutive semester.”

**Proposed language:** “An individual is considered a student from 1) the date a student first attends a University course or academic program, or 2) the Semester Start Date of the first term for which the individual has enrolled, whichever comes first, until graduation, recess, dismissal, or withdrawal from the University or he/she fails to register for more than one consecutive semester.”