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

BILL NO. 54-20

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A RESOLUTION TO: Call for ASMSU collaboration to establish a collective working group to review the state of Fraternity and Sorority Life at MSU

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, institutions within the Big Ten Conference and more broadly—across the country, have recently been responding to the overall condition and tradition of Fraternity and Sorority life on their campuses, and its place in a shifting society; and,

WHEREAS, students involved with Fraternity and Sorority life at Michigan State University make-up nearly 12% of the student population in East Lansing. These students aim to promote values of scholarship, philanthropy and excellence; and,

WHEREAS, much like other programs, offerings, and other areas of involvement for students at a university, it is critical to examine the current procedures, state of affairs and extended value provided by their existence through a collaborative learning process; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution is recognizing the collaborative effort of the Associated Students of Michigan State University, and the Fraternity and Sorority life at Michigan State University. This resolution acknowledges issues facing college campuses across the nation, it also acknowledges students at Michigan State University who facilitate a culture of proactivity to engage with the broader community of student leaders that would like to ensure an overall commitment and atmosphere of engagement with such leaders; and,

WHEREAS, said-engagement will be critical from leaders of executive council leadership, chapter leaders, but certainly (and most importantly) general membership of the fraternity and sorority life community, as well as soliciting students at-large that have been engaged with fraternity and sorority life in some form or fashion; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall call for establishing a working group (led by members of the councils, leadership of immediate-past councils, general membership of chapters, and with participation by members external to fraternity and sorority life to maintain legitimacy of a critical review) with guidance and advice by the Office of Greek Affairs and other community partners and stakeholders by end of January 2018; and be it further,

RESOLVED, the working group will, by April 2018 in a written report:

i. Identify immediate areas of improvement needed (i.e. policies, procedures), while consulting other institution’s current and/or reformed practices

ii. Review the behavioral trends of current MSU chapters that reside as a registered student organization, compared to those of MSU chapters that do not reside as a registered student organization

iii. Review the relationship agreement between chapters and the institution

iv. Identify the current resources that are designed to ensure health and safety provided to the community by Michigan State University
v. Create a list of actionable steps to be provided to the fraternity/sorority community and constituents for review; and be it further,

RESOLVED, forward the written report of the working group by May 2018 to the University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA) and the Steering Committee of University Academic Governance; both of which are comprised of voting student representatives from ASMSU, COGS (Council of Graduate Students) and faculty members; and be it further,

RESOLVED, based on the results of the report and given consent by the Steering Committee of University Academic Governance, UCSA will be able to further advise the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services on any potential or additional procedures to consider implementing regarding fraternity and sorority life going forward, in consultation with the leadership of the Councils.

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COMMITTEE ACTION X Voice-Majority December 1, 2017 VOTE DATE

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PRESIDENT

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