

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

BILL NO. 54-24

INTRODUCED BY: Brenner

SECONDED BY: Hawkins

SUPPORTED BY: Booker, Sova, Horne, Westrin, Wihongi, Prusik, Kelley, Wise, Clarkson, Simone, Person, Gudenau, Gustafson, Sitar, Hoang, Herndon, Ausmus, Aridi, Majestic, Talukder, Medlin, Colpoys, Gray, Hallstein, Sharp, Walsh, Torossian, Hurd, Long, Heaton, Fong (APASO), Brenner (Alliance), Greenleaf (CSD), Trezise (ISA), Perlmutter (JSU), Bandagi (MSA), Snyder (SVA), Brinkley (IFC), Clarke (NPHC), Strube (PanHel), Zarzycki (SHC).

A RESOLUTION TO: Condemn MSU Board of Trustees & Administration for its handling of MSU sexual assault broadly

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Michigan State University has a long history of enabling perpetrators of sexual assault on our campus, previously with actions such as minimizing sanctions of perpetrators of sexual assault and recently with victim impact statements from Larry Nassar litigation that multiple people and entities at the institution have long-known about Nassar's conduct; and,

WHEREAS, It goes without saying that improvements to Title IX Programs and Offices are critical and necessary, however they do not solely signal the genuine improvement alone to providing for a safe and secure campus; and,

WHEREAS, The actions of Michigan State University (MSU) administration in the handling of criminal investigations regarding former university employee Larry Nassar have undermined the confidence of the MSU community as well as the general public to MSU's commitment of transparency, and to holding appropriate parties accountable for the actions of dismantling the ability to establish a safe and secure campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, Most visibly, the handlings of the Larry Nassar case exemplify MSU's inability to genuinely assure and effectively communicate to students that sexual assault has no place on our campus; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU, on behalf of the Michigan State undergraduate student body, strongly believes and stands firmly that the leadership of our institution has failed us and MSU broadly of "their commitment" to effectively foster a safe and secure campus going forward; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU believes that true healing for the MSU community on the matters of sexual assault, but specifically on the matters of Larry Nassar, will not begin unless there is a change in leadership of the institution at the highest levels; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) strongly condemns MSU Board of Trustees and Administration for its handling of, and their responses to, sexual assault broadly on our campus, and more specifically the criminal matters of Larry Nassar; and, further be it,

RESOLVED, Relying on the evidence of victim impact statements, ASMSU calls for the MSU Board of Trustees to enact accountability measures toward employment at all levels of the university for those who acted in their own interest and to protect the reputation of Larry Nassar and the university, effectively shielding from any responsibility of wrongdoing; and, further be it,

RESOLVED, ASMSU calls for the university administration to take ownership and responsibility for their negligence and willful ignorance in allowing Larry Nassar to commit criminal acts from a university position; with regard to ongoing legal proceedings and public reporting, all involved parties should speak and act with this previously shirked responsibility in mind.



INTRODUCED ON Jan.18.2018

REFERRED TO Steering Committee ON Jan.18.2018

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to General Assembly DATE Jan.18.2018

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		Voice-Majority	<u>Jan.18.2018</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		Unanimous Voice-Vote	<u>Jan.18.2018</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

	
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