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

BILL NO. 55-80
INTRODUCED BY: HAWKINS SECONDED BY: GRINDLING

A BILL TO: Amend the ASMSU Manual to Clarify the Presidential Veto

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, the ASMSU President was granted the power to veto legislation passed by the General Assembly at the beginning of the 52nd session as a result of recommendations by the ASMSU Internal Review Board in 2015, and has only been used 3 times since then, and

WHEREAS, a veto can be announced by the President up to 2 weeks after the initial passage of the bill through the GA, and

WHEREAS, the GA currently prescribes no method for the GA to overturn vetoes announced after the final scheduled GA meeting of the session, unnecessarily preventing the GA from responding to vetoes of legislation passed at the final GA meeting of the session, be it now

RESOLVED, Section 32 of the ASMSU General Assembly Code of Operations is amended to read as follows:

“Section 32. All Legislation must be submitted to the President for signature. Upon receipt, the President shall have 2 class weeks from the date of passage to sign or veto all legislation.

A. All Legislation that remains unsigned past this two-week time frame will be considered automatically vetoed.

B. All Presidential vetoes must be announced and reported to the assembly during the President’s Report at the following General Assembly meeting.

C. Following the announcement of vetoed legislation, a motion to reconsider the legislation is in order.

1. A motion to reconsider vetoed legislation must be made within two weeks of the time in which the veto was announced to the assembly.
2. If the Motion to reconsider is made and seconded, a majority vote will be required to adopt the motion and move into a period of debate on the reconsideration of the legislation.

3. During such reconsideration, the President’s veto may be overridden by a two-thirds majority of the Assembly.

D. In cases where legislation remains unsigned by the end of the session, the President must announce the veto to the Assembly members immediately upon deciding to veto.

1. Following the announcement of the veto, a special meeting to reconsider legislation can be called upon the request of one-fourth (1/4) of the voting Assembly members of the session in which the legislation was introduced (as specified in Title Two, Section 2, B of the General Assembly Code of Operations) up to one week after the announcement of the veto.

2. In such a meeting, only Assembly members serving in the session in which the legislation was introduced will have voice or vote.