



Fall 2020 General Assembly Candidate

Write-In Application

Important Dates

September 28th

Write-In Application Due

October 5th-9th

Elections Week

Dear Spartans,

My name is Abii-Tah Chungong Bih and I currently serve as your Student Body President. First I deeply appreciate you for considering a run for your college seat in the General Assembly at ASMSU. When I first tried to represent my college in the General Assembly, I was only a few weeks old at MSU and in the US. My desire to empower my peers was uncontainable but I was steeped in dread. I thought that I was neither smart nor eloquent nor knowledgeable nor connected enough to represent my college. I still remember the colossal amounts of courage that I summoned to take this same step you are about to take. Even though I did not get the seat after my first attempt, my resolve to serve picked me up, dusted my clothes, and pushed me to run again. It was only after my second try that I won a seat as the James Madison representation. That same seat equipped me with the experience, tools, and values that I utilize every day as I lead the Undergraduate Spartan community as the student body president. Like running for GA, my story is not defined by my failures or successes. It is not a clear cut dichotomy of wins and losses. Instead, this is about the boldness and the strength to stand up for names you will never know and faces you would never meet. This is about rising against concerns that existed before you, and designing solutions that would outlive you. Running for and serving as a GA representative will feel like standing on the shoulders of giants, catching the sun, and sharing it with ten of thousands of students. With that said, your heart is already in the right place for deciding to live a wholesome undergraduate experience as a GA representative at ASMSU. ASMSU remains one of the most prestigious and influential student governments in the nation. In 2018, we hosted the Association of Big Ten Students' Winter Conference, the collective efforts of the Big 10 student governments. In 2019 we were awarded "Outstanding Student Government" by the Conference on Student Government Associations. Since 1965, we have championed new student services, programs, academic policies, and governmental advocacy. We provide services such as Safe Ride, i-Clicker and Graphing calculator rentals, interest free loans, free printing, blue books and more. Along with this, we provide the MSU Yearbook and the award-winning Red Cedar Log for all students! This new decade has been one of immense turbulence so far. That is why we need student leaders who will join us in the processes of creating innovative solutions through collaborative partnership. During crises, it takes colossal amounts of bravery to lead with compassion, commitment, collaboration, and creativity. I anticipate that you encapsulate the unique leadership qualities that students need now more than ever. Finally, I applaud your decision to take this important step in becoming involved. I look forward to seeing where your passion for student advocacy leads you. Regardless of the election outcomes, you win if you continue to support student efforts and involvement. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or to learn more about ASMSU as you begin to embark on this experience within our institution's history.

Abii-Tah Chungong Bih

Student Body President, 2020-2021



EMAIL COMPLETE FORM TO elections@asmsu.msu.edu

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Write-In Application & Agreement

Name: _____

APID: _____

MSU E-MAIL: _____

Phone Number: _____

College, in which you are seeking to represent*:

Major(s): _____

**You must be enrolled and have a declared major in this college*

** You can only seek one position at a time.*

By Signing Below, I verify that:

- 1) The above information is correct.
- 2) I am responsible to conduct all aspects of my campaign in accordance with ASMSU Elections Code and all other university rules and policies. Failure to adhere to these rules may result in validation.
- 3) As a Write-in candidate, I know that my name will not appear on the ballot
- 4) I understand that I must obtain at least 25 votes (or 5% of my college's population, whichever is less) and must receive enough votes to obtain a seat in your selected college.

Signature

Date