

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTIETH SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-05

INTRODUCED BY: Harding (VPIA)
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SECONDED BY: Pham (APASO)

A BILL TO: Approve General Assembly GroupMe Community Guidelines

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, GroupMe is a vital faction of our tasks as a student organization for communication, relaying information with one another, and relaying relevant information we receive from one another to our constituents; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University was created to promote the health and wellness of undergraduate Spartans; and,

WHEREAS, To uplift fellow students, we must allow for spaces of communication to be safe, respectful, and purposeful towards our vision of prompting all undergraduate student voices at MSU; and,

WHEREAS, These rules are not meant to limit or restrict discourse, as long as it is productive to our vision of empowering all student voices in all that we do; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall approve the GroupMe guidelines as follows:

1. Conduct yourself online as you would in other public circumstances. Treat those you encounter with fairness, honesty, and respect. Messages sent to the GroupMe are subject to removal at any time at the discretion of the administrator of this group **if they are seen to be violating the ASMSU Code**. If you see a post or comment that you think is **an Inappropriate Act as defined by Title I, Section 3 of the ASMSU GA Code of Operations**, please tag the President for assistance. This is an accountability measure.
 - a. Fairness: “impartial and just treatment or behavior without favoritism or discrimination.”

- b. Honesty: “adherence to the facts.”
 - c. Respect: “due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, or traditions of others.”
- 2. When you speak within GroupMe, you are speaking as the position you are within the organization. If you are a General Assembly representative representing a CORES/ COPS group, a major governance group, or college, remember that what you are saying should be centered in your role as a General Assembly representative. Keep in mind that your comments may reflect your college or organization a certain way, as you are their representative. This is the same for ASMSU Staff members and OOTP (or any other members of the organization) who typically are also involved in this mode of communication.
- 3. ASMSU is a nonpartisan organization. Refrain from using partisan rhetoric and discussing partisan topics.
 - a. Partisan: “a strong supporter of a party, cause, or person.”
 - b. Note that partisan and political do *not* mean the same thing. By nature, ASMSU is political. We weigh in on governmental laws and policies that affect universities and their students. Partisanship, on the other hand, is speaking for or against a political party, a political cause, or a political actor.
 - c. Per our Code of Operations, “ASMSU prides itself on being a body that represents all of the undergraduate students of MSU and is not affected by political persuasion.” Political persuasion is synonymous with partisanship.
- 4. Treat one another with civility and respect. Personal attacks, bullying, obscenities, slurs, and discriminatory attacks will not be tolerated and will be removed immediately. As a community, it is important to recognize that the impact of comments on individual members or groups within our community may not match the original poster’s intent behind their comments. Comments that are interpreted and felt to be discriminatory will be addressed specifically and also removed if they are felt to be harmful to members of our community.
- 5. **The GroupMe shall be limited to General Assembly Representatives, members of ASMSU Staff, members of the Office of the President, and ASMSU advisors.**

INTRODUCED ON 08.29.2024

REFERRED TO n/a COMMITTEE ON n/a

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ DATE _____

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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>8.29.24</u>
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PRESIDENT: Connor Le	VPIA: Kathryn Harding