

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
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A BILL TO: Urge the Board of Trustees to Vote No to Any Proposals to Merge the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) into the College of Arts and Letters (CAL)

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) was established in 2007 to “support students and faculty as they engage in work that challenges norms, addresses inequities and mobilizes the arts and humanities as a force of good.”¹; and,

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, October 15th, RCAH students, alumni, and other RCAH constituents were notified that RCAH would be merged with the College of Arts and Letters; and,

WHEREAS, With the announcement, there was no indication of what would happen to current RCAH students, RCAH major requirements, RCAH faculty and staff positions, and RCAH classes; and,

WHEREAS, RCAH also houses many spaces and resources for RCAH students to take advantage of, including the RCAH Theater, RCAH Art Studio, RCAH Language

¹ <https://rcah.msu.edu/about/index.html>

and Media Center, and the Center for Poetry. With the merge, the status of these spaces and resources is up in the air; and,

WHEREAS, If merged, staff and faculty may either be demoted or let go. As well, several RCAH RSOs and research programs have the potential to disappear as well, and they may lose the Living and Learning designation; and,

WHEREAS, If merged, RCAH will be administratively under the CAL, and will lose all autonomy regarding decisions in the college, and instead may receive the designation of a school or a department; and,

WHEREAS, Because there are no definitive answers regarding anything surrounding the merge at the moment, this has caused anxiety and unease within RCAH constituents; and,

WHEREAS, The announcement has stated that the decision to merge RCAH will be voted upon by the Board of Trustees in a future meeting; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate and urge for MSU to halt all activity regarding the merging of RCAH; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate and urge the Board of Trustees to vote no to merge RCAH with the College of Arts and Letters if a proposal to begin this process comes to a vote; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University will demand for MSU to be more transparent on the future of RCAH, including meetings with staff, faculty, and students, and comprehensible information about the potential merge.

INTRODUCED ON _____ **10.24.2024** _____

REFERRED TO _____ **N/A** _____ **COMMITTEE ON** _____ **N/A** _____

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ **DATE** _____

COMMITTEE ACTION _____
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u> X </u>	Voice Majority	10.24.2024
	PASSED	FAILED	DATE

	
PRESIDENT: Connor Le	VPIA: Kathryn Harding