ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTY-FIRST SESSION



BILL NO. 61-53

INTRODUCED BY: Abdul Mohi (MSA) SECONDED BY: Jaafar (JMC)

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A BILL TO: Advocate for ASMSU to Release A Statement of No Confidence in the Board of Trustees, and Reaffirming Support for Divestment from War, Genocide, and Apartheid

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

- **WHEREAS**, The 60th session of the ASMSU General Assembly passed Bill 60-65¹, titled, "Advocate for the Board of Trustees to Divest from Weapons Manufacturers alongside Other Entities Complicit in Genocide,"; and,
- WHEREAS, The 60th session also passed Bill 60-30², titled, "Advocate for ASMSU and MSU to Address the Ongoing Palestinian Crisis and Support Palestinian Students and all Impacted Students," after which ASMSU released a statement³; and,
- **WHEREAS**, In this statement, ASMSU affirmed their support for Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students, and called on the university to do the same, and to take real action towards ensuring the safety and support of these communities; and,
- **WHEREAS**, On July 31st, 2024, a meeting between student representatives, President Guskewicz, CIO Zecher, Trustee Pierce, and other Administrators was held; and,
- **WHEREAS**, During this meeting there was a discussion of BOT 607: Investment Policy, and specifically in relation to the phrase "social conscience," found in the general statement⁴; and,
- **WHEREAS**, On July 31st, 2024, it was agreed upon that the 2024 review of BOT 607 would generate a definition of "social conscience"; and,

¹ **■** 60-65 Advocate for BoT Divestment Amir Hakim

² 60-30 Advocate for ASMSU and MSU to Address the Palestinian Crisis Saed Amir.pdf

³ https://www.instagram.com/p/Cze3sHcgi0m/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

⁴ https://trustees.msu.edu/bylaws-ordinances-policies/policies/01-07-01.html

- **WHEREAS**, The revised BOT 607 policy⁵–approved by the Board of Trustees as of December 13th, 2024–has neither mention nor definition of "social conscience," a result which is in direct violation of Board of Trustees Code of Ethics and Conduct Standard 1⁶; and,
- **WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees has yet to acknowledge or address the general student body's wishes as expressed through bills 60-30 and 60-65; therefore be it,
- **RESOLVED**, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall release a statement, in collaboration with the introducer, seconder, and contributors of this bill, reaffirming support for divestment from weapons manufacturers, the state of Israel, and investments firms and banks investing in weapons manufacturers, including, but not limited to, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Gruman, Boeing, Black Rock, and BNY Mellon; therefore be it further,
- **RESOLVED**, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall release a statement declaring a position of No Confidence in the Michigan State University Board of Trustees due to Code of Ethics Violations and overall noncompliance with the student body; therefore be it further,
- **RESOLVED**, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall continue to advocate for divestment during Board of Trustees meetings via liaison statements, meetings with Board members, meetings with administration, and meetings in Academic Governance.

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⁵ https://trustees.msu.edu/meetings/documents/2024/BF5-BOT%20607%20Investment%20Policy.pdf

⁶ https://trustees.msu.edu/about/code-of-ethics-and-conduct.html

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