

Faculty Senate

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Whereas, The Faculty Senate of Michigan State University affirms our unwavering commitment to fostering a campus community where every individual feels supported and valued; and,

Whereas, Diversity in all its forms – cultural, racial, geographical, generational, socioeconomic, ability, ideological, and more – is a source of strength that enhances collective learning, global citizenship, and a strengthened community; and,

Whereas, Initiatives, programs, and educational opportunities that serve as celebrations in which the deep and rich cultural histories, identities, and contributions of our community are acknowledged, honored, and uplifted; and,

Whereas, Storytelling is a time-honored pedagogy, and we recognize that those lived experiences, both past and present, are critical to making informed decisions that impact the future of our campus and beyond; and,

Whereas, We stand in support of, and actively advocate for, access to resources and opportunities for all Spartans to celebrate their unique identities; indeed, as a world-renowned higher education institution, it is critical to our mission, values, and strategic plan; and,

Whereas, MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz has stated that "our commitment to making this an inclusive university where every member can feel safe, welcome, and supported is unshakable. We can only fulfill our mission and reach our full potential by embracing all of our lived experiences and perspectives."; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Michigan State University upholds the values and principles of diversity in all its forms; and

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate supports and draws on the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of our faculty, staff, and

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students to further our mission as a world-leading land-grant institution in the State of Michigan; and

Resolved, That, we are, in strong solidarity, in support of this bedrock principle; and

Resolved, That further, we affirm the ability of all faculty, staff, and students to not only feel welcome on campus, but to celebrate cultural heritages publicly and with the full-throated support of the institution as a whole; and

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate re-affirms that diversity in all its measures is a core value and principle guiding this institution and the foundation of academic inquiry.