# asmsu fall report 2022



### letter from president kovach

Thank you for taking the time to read this year's Office of the President Fall Report. I am tremendously grateful for and proud of my leadership team. They have produced thoughtful and high-quality work this semester, all done out of their compassion for the undergraduate student body. It takes some beautiful souls to fight the way this team does for the students we serve. I am extremely lucky to lead this group of amazing individuals. This semester has been both challenging and exciting for the ASMSU team. As we get used to this new normal as students and human beings, we find that even the university must experience growing pains

as we situate ourselves to become the Michigan State University that the Spartans we serve deserve. Similarly, ASMSU has taken a step back and questioned the way we run the organization to best serve the students of this beautiful university. ASMSU is composed of many Spartans dedicated to the undergraduate student body & creating a Michigan State University that we can all be proud of.

I am very grateful for my team's perseverance, endless empathy, and dedication to the work we do. Without a doubt, it is tiring work, but we know that it is worth it and that we are in this work together, always.

In this report, my core team will explain their highlights from the semester in their words and provide their ideal direction for the organization going forward.

Thank you. We appreciate your time, attention, and partnership.

I chair the General Assembly, ASMSU's legislative branch. The General Assembly is composed of undergraduate representatives from the degree-granting colleges, the Council of Racial & Ethnic Students, the Council of Progressive Students, and other major governance groups, such as the Residential Halls Association and Fraternity & Sorority Life.

As of this point, the 59th General Assembly has written and passed 41 pieces of legislation. Some of these pieces of legislation pertain to our internal affairs and some of them are our advocacy points to the MSU and relevant

## governmental communities. Please review the comprehensive list of our legislation below for updates.

Bill 59-01: Approve the 2022-2023 ASMSU Budget (Introduced by previous VP Saleh, Seconded by APASO Representative Le. This action is complete.

- Bill 59-02: Approve the ASMSU 2022-2023 Chief Officers and Staff Directors (Introduced by JMC Representative Pandya, Seconded by Social Science Rep Barash). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-03: Approving more Staff Directors. (Introduced by Representative Prestly, Seconded by Representative Le). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-04: Approving the last of the Staff Directors. (Introduced by Representative Konesky. Seconded by Representative Zivian). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-05: Appointing Members to the Student Allocations Board. (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Krishnan). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-06: Academic Governance Appointments. (Introduced by VP for Academic Affairs Iturralde, Seconded by Representative Prestly). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-07: Amending General Assembly Absence Process (Introduced by Representative Prestly, Seconded by Representative Lochrie). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-08: Approving Public Comment Rules Drafted by VPIA & President (Introduced by Representative Dudley. Seconded by Representative Singh). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-09: Have ASMSU Recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month and Release a Statement Advertising Mental Health Resources. (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Konesky). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-10: Removal of Larry Gaynor's Name from the Gaynor Entrepreneurship

## Lab. (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Mendoza). This advocacy is ongoing.

- Bill 59-11: Establish Donor Accountability Policies (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Richards). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-12: Approve General Assembly GroupMe Guidelines. (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Richards). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-13: Advocate for SNAP, WIC, and TANF Benefits to be utilized for Menstrual Hygiene Products. (Introduced by Representative Jalan, Seconded by Representative Quijas). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-14: Concur with the Faculty Senate Resolution that an investigation of the MSU Board of Trustees be conducted and a report for recommended action be publicized. (Introduced by VP Iturralde. Seconded by Representative Quijas). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-15: Concur with the Faculty Senate Resolution for the MSU Board of Trustees and MSU President to hire a professional governance firm to undergo professional development training. (Introduced by VP Iturralde, Seconded by Representative Quijas). This advocacy is complete.
- Bill 59-16: Advocate that MSU Provide Accessible Seating within Learning Spaces, such as Classrooms and Lecture Halls. (Introduced by Representative Barash, Seconded by Representative Konesky). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-17: Show Support & Desire and Allow the Governmental Affairs Dept to Petition for Joint Senate Resolution F (2021). (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Konesky). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-20: Reallocating Funds from Restricted to Central Staff & General Fund. (Introduced by VPFO Adusumilli. Seconded by Representative Mendoza. This action is complete.
- Bill 59-21: Support a vote of no confidence in the Michigan State University Boardof Trustees. (Introduced by VPAA Iturralde, Seconded by VPIA Grondin). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-23: Have ASMSU Recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness

- Month & Release a Statement Advertising Resources for Survivors. (Introduced by Representative Konesky, Seconded by Representative Offredi). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-25: Call upon MSU to Declare Election Day as a University Holiday. (Introduced by Representative Konesky, Seconded by Representative Smith). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-26: Ratify the JSoCC Class Council Code of Operations for 59th Session. (Introduced by VPIA Grondin, Seconded by Representative Le). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-27: Academic Governance Appointments. (Introduced by VPAA Iturralde, Seconded by Representative Prestly). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-28: Advocate for pop-up vaccination clinics for contagious communicable viruses in high-traffic dormitories to improve the health and well-being of the undergraduate MSU community. (Introduced by Representative Tocco. Seconded by Representative Quijas). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-29: Add "Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions (OCAT)" to the D2L student resource page. (Introduced by Representative Dorcely, Seconded by Representative Zivian). This action is complete!
- Bill 59-30: Allocate \$7,500 from the General Fund to Student Health Services to cover uninsured undergraduate students' COVID-19 Booster Vaccine and Influenza Vaccine. (Introduced by Representative Le, Seconded by Representative Young). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-31: Academic Governance Appointments. (Introduced by VPAA Iturralde, Seconded by VPIA Grondin). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-32: Advocate for Data Transparency on Communicable Diseases on MSU's Campus. (Introduced by Representative Tocco. Seconded by Representative Pandya). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-33: Advocate to MSU Board of Trustees to Review and Revise the Buildings & Facilities-Naming Policies. (Introduced by Representative Quijas, Seconded by Representative Le). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-34: Advocate that MSU Increase The Accessibility Of Free Condoms On

## Campus Through The Implementation Of Free Condom Dispensers Placed Around Campus. (Introduced by Representative Prestly, Seconded by Representative Konesky. This advocacy is ongoing.

- Bill 59-35: Advocate to MSU To Increase The Selling Of Internal Condoms, External Condoms, Dental Dams, And Lubrication At Every Sparty's Convenience Store. (Introduced by Representative Prestly, Seconded by Representative Le). This advocacyis ongoing.
- Bill 59-36: Allocate Funds from the General Fund to Expand and Meet the Excessive Demand of the iClicker and Ti-84 Calculator Rental Program. (Introduced by Representative Prestly, Seconded by VPFO Adusumilli). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-37: Acknowledge and Support March 15th to April 15th as MSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American/Asian (APIDA/A) Heritage Month. (Introduced by Representative Quijas). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-38: Allocate \$2,500 to the City of East Lansing for the Purchase and Implementation of String Lighting Down City Alleyways. (Introduced by VPGA Strach. Seconded by Representative Prestly). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-39: Allocate \$3,180 from the General Fund to Central Staff to fund marketing & advertising for the ASMSU Services Week. (Introduced by Rep. Le, Seconded by Representative Mendoza). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-40: Allocate \$8,500 for the "Spartan Flow and Glow" event hosted by the Office of Spartan Experiences. (Introduced by Representative Kapale, Seconded by VPFO Adusumilli). This action is complete.
- Bill 59-42: Advocate for a transparent, representative, and robust Permanent Presidential Search. (Introduced by VPAA Iturralde, Seconded by Representative Le). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-43: Advocate for Election Day Protections. (Introduced by Representative Konesky. Seconded by Representative Smith. This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-44: Advocate for the Banning of the LGBTQ+ "Panic" Defense. (Introduced by Representative Prestly, Seconded by VPIA Grondin). This advocacy is ongoing.
- Bill 59-45: Appoint Students to University Hearing Boards. (Introduced by VPAA Iturralde, Seconded by VPIA Grondin. This action is complete.
- Bill 59-46: Sponsor an ABTS resolution calling for ABTS to advocate for recipients to usefederal and state financial benefits to purchase menstrual hygiene products. (Introduced by Representative Prestly. Seconded by Representative Le). This Action is

Complete.

If you would like to read one of these bills, please visit https://asmsu.msu.edu/home/general-assembly/resources/.

If you would like a comprehensive update on one of the advocacy pieces, please email me at president@asmsu.msu.edu.

In late September and October, ASMSU hosted a special fall election to elect new members to our open General Assembly seats. Per an all-undergraduate student vote, ASMSU was pleased to see the following individuals elected:

Natalia Khoshnam, Residential College of Arts & Humanities Ellen Young, Residential College of Arts &

Humanities Kenneth Sun, College of Arts & Letters

These individuals serve in our General Assembly and are active participants in our legislative process. We are happy to have them involved!

ASMSU elections are now conducted by our Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator Benjamin Fox, who was helped this year by our Chief of Staff, Jack Harrison. ASMSU is proud of Ben and Jack's work on this election. It would not have run as smoothly or efficiently without their continuous efforts.

In the 59th Session, ASMSU has hosted quite a few university partners to present and answer questions for our General Assembly. So far, we have hosted:

Dr. Teresa Woodruff, (then) Provost

**Dr. Rick McNeil**, Recreational Sports Director and IM Facilities Project Manager

Jeff Latinen, Executive Director of Auxiliary Sports Group

Dr. Shannon Burton, MSU Ombudsperson

**University Sustainable Investment Working Group Dr.** 

Teresa Woodruff, Interim President (x2)!

**Dr. Thomas Jeitschko**, Interim Provost

Dr. Mina Shin, DEI Learning Development Specialist in the

Office for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion **Dr. Norm Beauchamp**, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences **Dr. Rebecca Campbell**, Presidential Advisor on Relationship Violence & Sexual Misconduct **Lt. Andrea Munford**, Deputy Chief of the Community Support Bureau (MSUPD) and Presidential Advisor on Relationship Violence & Sexual Misconduct **Regina Gong**, OER and Student Success Librarian

We are deeply appreciative of these individuals taking the time to present on their offices and hear from our General Assembly. When we engage directly with administrators, faculty, and staff, we are able to reach solutions much sooner.

By job description, I am the chief advocate of ASMSU. It is my job to catalog, organize, and advocate for the advocacy-related legislation that ASMSU passes. I take this responsibility very seriously, and it is over half of my office hours every week. The way we move our legislation along comes at my directive.

In combination with VPAA Iturralde, CDEIO Hamid, former VPGA Modi, and VPGA Strach, many bills in our standing policy have been deemed "closed". When we close legislation, it means that it has reached the end of its advocacy path. We have either achieved what the legislation set out to do, or we were told that a specific request was not possible. "Open" legislation is the legislation we are still advocating for.

In the 59th Session, only 60 bills are still open for one reason or another. Many are from our two most recent General Assembly sessions, so these bills may take some time to continue. All of these bills are consistently worked on by myself, VP Strach, and/ or VP Iturralde.

Routinely, I meet with President Woodruff, Provost Jeitschko, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Mark Largent, Senior Vice

President for Student Life & Engagement Vennie Gore, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Jabbar Bennett, Associate Vice President for Student Leadership and Involvement Dr. Allyn Shaw, and Trustee Kelly Tebay. I meet with other administrators as needed and encourage my team to as well. These meetings allow for a direct conversation between myself and an administrator on what student needs are, what specifically ASMSU is asking for, and how we can move forward together. ASMSU is grateful for the positive relationships we have with MSU's administration, and these relationships are the only way that the organization can be so effective.

I am also the Chief Executive Officer of ASMSU. I oversee and approve all major decision-making within the organization and am the organization's chief signatory as we sign off on our contractual agreements. This is a mighty job this year since we have to renew our student tax and almost all of our contracts at the end of the 2023 academic year! VPFO Adusumilli cannot be thanked enough for his hard work with this!

I often work with David Meyers and Brian Jeffries of Student Legal

Services. Brian and Dave assist with our contractural processes and advise VPFO Adusumilli and I on next steps with our business partners. Student Legal Services is sponsored by ASMSU and the Council of Graduate Students (COGS). Student Legal Services additionally provides free professional legal assistance and representation to eligible students through a contract with the law firm of Jeffries and Associates, PLLC. Please visit their website for more information: http://studentlegalservices.com/index.html.

Being the CEO of ASMSU also means taking a strong approach to organizing the organization's internal affairs. I enjoy a close working relationship with Chief of Staff Jack Harrison and support him in decision making as it pertains to the ASMSU Staff. I additionally work with VPSA Omar and VPIA Grondin on administrative matters, considering each of us is principally responsible for different branches of the organization.

I am a representative on many major university committees in academic governance and otherwise.

I am a member of:

**University Steering Committee** 

**University Council** 

University Committee on Student Life and

**Engagement Community Relations Committee** 

Community Celebrations Committee
Police and Public Safety Advisory Committee
Student Leaders Council
Student Success Strategic Plan Executive Advisory
Committee Student Recreation & Wellness Center: Working
Committee

I am also a Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

I take these responsibilities very seriously, as I am the principal ambassador and spokesperson for the organization.

I am grateful for our partnerships with other student organizations, which are the reason that we are able to get our advocacy done so effectively.

Thank you to my fellow student liaisons to the Board of Trustees, **Belle Letcher**, **Hannah Jeffrey**, and **Stevie Quijas**. Thank you additionally to the two student organizations that Belle and Hannah lead, the **Residence Halls Association** and the **Council of Graduate Students**.

Thank you to the CORES & COPS organizations who assist us in legislating and who represent their communities, providing programming and advocacy. The CORES & COPS are as follows: **Asian Pacific American Student Organization (APASO) Black Students' Alliance (BSA)** 

Culturas de las Razas Unidas (CRU)
North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO)
Alliance for Queer and Allied Students
Arab Cultural Society (ACS)
Campus Interfaith Council (CIC)
Council for Students with Disabilities (CSD)
International Students Association (ISA)
Jewish Student Union (JSU)
Women\*s Council
Muslim Students' Association
Student Veterans of America

We also have representatives on our General Assembly from several other major governing groups in Fraternity & Sorority Life:

Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Panhellenic Council, and Panhellenic Council.

We also have representatives from the Spartan Housing Cooperative and Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Without these groups' partnership and support, our mission would be much harder to accomlish. Thank ou.

## thank you for reading!

Thank you for taking the time to read my portion of the ASMSU report. I am very proud of my work in contributing to my team's and the organization's success. ASMSU has been a fundamental part of my life for the past 3.5 years. It provided me with a home and a place to speak for students at a time that felt very scary for the entire world. It always felt imperative to me to fight for something larger than myself. I have always devoted myself to the idea that you can change the world by leaving the spaces you take up even just a little better than the way you found them. I hope I have done this thus far and will continue to do it into the spring.

We had a very interesting fall that pulled me in many different directions advocacy-wise. In every space I was in, I ensured that the undergraduate student voice was heard. Through this unwavering advocacy, we have gained more respect and recognition at the university level than we have had in a long time; this is something I am very proud of. We hope to utilize these new relationships to continue to fight for the rights and needs of the student body we care so much about.

ASMSU has been incredibly productive this past semester, representing and advocating for the changing needs of the student body. I am proud of our General Assembly, our Staff, our Student Allocations Board, our Academic Governance Delegates, and our Class Councils alike for furthering this charge.

I want to shout out to Delaney Jones, my organizational mentee, and Freshman Class Council President. I am truly proud of her and wish her nothing but prosperity as she continues to serve our organization.

I will conclude by thanking my Office of the President team. OOTP puts in long hours for the student body and works every single day for the organization. OOTP has gone through difficult periods in the semester together and has relied on each other for support. We have become stronger for it. Our team is excited to tackle new challenges in the next semester! I could not have asked for a better or more supportive team behind me as we tackled a very surprising semester. Keep reading to hear updates from my amazing team.

In Green & White,
Jo Kovach, ASMSU President



Vice President for Finance & Operations
Vipul Adusumilli

2022-2023 General Fund	
General Fund Item	Balance
Rollover FY21-22	\$89,106.63
Add Bill 59-20 - Reallocate Funds From Restricted	\$12,500.00
Starting General Fund	\$101,606.63
Bill 59-30: Allocate \$7,500 from the General Fund to Student Health Services to cover uninsured undergraduate students' COVID-19 Booster Vaccine	
and Influenza Vaccine	\$7,500.00
Bill 59-36 Allocate Funds from the General Fund to Expand and Meet the Excessive Demand of the i> Clicker and Ti-84 Calculator Rental Program	\$5,000.00
Bill 59-38 Allocate \$2,500 to the City of East Lansing for the Purchase and Implementation of String Lighting Down City Alleyways	\$2,500.00
Bill 59-39 Allocate \$3,180 from the General Fund to Central Staff	
to fund marketing and advertising for the 2023 ASMSU Services Week	\$3,180.00
Bill-40 Allocate \$8,500 for the "Spartan Flow and Glow" event	
hosted by the Office of Spartan Experiences.	\$8,500.00
Ending Balance Fall 2022	\$74,926.63

#### Completed 3,315 rides Fall Semester

#### Asset Rental

iClickers: 640

TI-84s: 192

Simple Calculators: 164

#### Loan Program

We gave out over 15 loans!

#### Free Printing

We have printed over 5,000 pages!

#### Student Rights Advocates

Opened 14 Cases

#### Red Cedar Log

Over 1,900+ senior portraits taken

#### <u>Test Prep - The Princeton Review</u>

ASMSU is continuing its relationship with TPR, and 32 test prep courses have been utilized by undergraduatestudents, saving around \$10,000. The FO department is still looking at ways to host more events with TPR and spread the word about this excellent service!

#### **Budget**

Worked with Controller Bell to finalize the Financial Statements for 2022 fiscal year.

Finalized Budgetary rollover for 2022 fiscal year during the summer for the ASMSU General Fund and for RSO Allocations which totaled \$89,106.63 for both accounts.

Thinking ahead, I along with controller Bell have been working on budget reconciliation with the ASMSU monthly ledgers to forecast total revenue for the 2022-2023 school year to have a practical and ideal setup for the next fiscal year's budget.

#### **Liquidity**

ASMSU continues to operate with good liquidity staying above 37 days' worth of operating cash available.

#### **long-term investments**

Initial investment of \$300,000 invested in \$75,000 installments from 2015-2016.

ASMSU's Long Term Investments are managed with the help of the Michigan State University Office of Investments. As of 09/30/22, ASMSU has experienced a return of \$-53,081.66 in the 2022 FY, investment account total comes to \$483,883

ASMSU continues to retain all earnings in the investment account rather than having a quarterly spending policy distribution. These funds will continue to accumulate and are available should ASMSU decide to use them for a project or Initiative.

ASMSU continually meets with the Office of Investments monthly to discuss options for changing the investment policy.

Any changes in investment strategy will go through the ASMSU finance committee.

Please reach out to vpfo@asmsu.msu.edu if you would like a copy of the complete ASMSU Liquidity and Investment Report.

Throughout its 6th year of operation, Safe Ride has continued to deliver on its mission of providing students with safe, reliable, late night transportation home. The Safe Ride Director, Lexi Rizor, has been instrumental in helping our office improve this program and has

helped manage the logistics of Safe Ride including, but not limited to survey distribution, scheduling, staff management, and hiring.

The ASMSU Safe Ride program facilitates safe and reliable transportation home for any undergraduate student at Michigan State University from anywhere within the program boundaries.

These rides are free, non-judgmental, and confidential to promote a culture of health and safety at Michigan State University.

The program currently runs from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am seven days a week during the academic year when classes are in session. The service follows the academic calendar, and service periods can be adjusted by the VPFO.

Currently, we operate with 3 vehicle Sunday-Wednesday and 1 vehicles Thursday-Saturday. Dispatching is done through student staff and TransLoc software which automatically prioritizes rides based on predetermined Factors. Students are picked up most efficiently as dictated by he software and dropped off accordingly. There are often several rides provided with one van at the same time in order to increase efficiency.

#### **The Wall Street Journal**

Over the summer, ASMSU decided not to renew the WSJ contract due to very low usage and high cost. Since then, MSU Libraries has picked up the WSJ and now provides it for all students for free.

#### **New York Times**

Currently continuing NYT e-newspaper subscription, over 3,500 users. Started two new services with NYT: NYT Cooking and NYT Games services. Still marketing the new ones for more students to utilize. Working with MSU to have them potentially take over the e-newspaper NYT contract!

#### **Spotlight**

Brand new service that COS Harrison and I have launched this school year. Over 1,500+ users in our trial year so far! Spotlight now has over 300+ newspaper publications, including State News, TIME, Bloomberg, and many more!

#### <u>Gannett - Detroit Free Press, Lansing State</u> J<u>ournal, USA Today</u>

ASMSU provides students with print newspapers in over 16 on campus building locations. The usage has gone up to prior years but is still not utilized as much as we would like. The FO department is considering how to increase usage and what to do with newspaper bins if we do not use print newspapers.

It is our first year doing just a Spring publication! RCL Editor-in-Chief Katie Denzin has done a great job of keeping the department on track, and meeting all of the page deadlines!

Our goal this year is to publish the yearbook a week before commencement so we graduating seniors can pick up the books. We are also planning on tabling at commencement to pass out the yearbook!

We have shot over 1,900+ senior portraits and are still advertising senior parent and business ads for the yearbook!

For more information, please contact Katie Denzin at <a href="mailto:rcleic@asmsu.msu.edu.">rcleic@asmsu.msu.edu.</a>

The Engagement Office has been very busy this year with our asset rentals. All of our iClickers and calculators have been rented out for fall semester. The GA passed a bill to allocate more funds to have more assets for spring semester.

The shift to more classes and activities being held in-person has definitely been noticeable. Our free

printing services have been heavily utilized with over 5,000 pages printed.

We also sold a record number of tailgate passes this semester during football season. Shoutout to COS Harrison for promoting and running this service!

My department has started to update the budget more frequently and keep a running count of our account totals to better keep track of our money and financial standing.

With the increased interest in divestment, Cody Evans, ASMSU Director of Sustainability and I have been working on advocating for MSU to be more transparent in their investments and divest out of fossil fuels.

The FO department is also building better relationships with MSU administrators/faculty and our vendors. We now have a better relationship with the libraries, the treasury department, and all of our

#### vendors!

This semester, while tough, has nonetheless been a productive semester for the Office of Finance and Operations. However, there always remains more work to be done. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:vpfo@asmsu.msu.edu">vpfo@asmsu.msu.edu</a> if you have any questions or concerns!



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# Academic Affairs Aaron Iturralde

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As we entered the 2022-23 academic year, our department has been focused on strengthening and progressing our academic missions and initiatives. Our focus this year has shifted to laying the foundation for long-term strategies on how the Academic Affairs department should operate the administration of the Academic Governance delegation, progression of student-centered advocacy, and programming events. As the Fall Semester draws to a close, we have made important milestones in this mission. This sets up success for the

Spring and the future.

Academic Governance is the university-wide governance system that brings together students, staff, faculty, and administrators to discuss pressing university issues. Undergraduate students are allotted 63 seats in shared governance bodies. They are nominated through the Academic Affairs Nominations Commission, where their applications are reviewed and deliberated. The ASMSU General Assembly confirms their appointments. This year, the Academic Affairs Department is proud to have one of the largest delegations with only a few vacant seats. The work of these delegates contributes to the mission and success of ASMSU.

The Academic Department has also set up consistent communication channels with the undergraduate delegates through bi-weekly newsletters, regular Student Governance Caucus meetings, and an "open door" policy when it comes to questions or concerns. We have also found ways to integrate delegation within the larger organization. We aim to educate the delegation on the purpose, policies, and missions that guide our organization. We develop skills in professionalism, leadership, and allyship to ensure our delegates are

prepared to carry out the organization's initiatives.

Committee participation is as follows:

**Steering Committee:** 3/2 seats filled

University Council: 27/30 seats filled

**University Committee on Academic Governance: 3/3** 

seats filled

University Committee on Faculty Tenure: 2/2 seats

filled University Committee on Undergraduate

Education: 4/4 seats filled

University Committee on Curriculum: 5/5 seats filled

The Student Governance Caucus serves as the deliberative and information-sharing body for the at large student delegates in the MSU Academic Governance and shared-governing bodies. The delegates have undergone orientation, diversity training, and professional development to best serve undergraduate students within their respective committees and governing bodies. The Student Governance Caucus meets regularly with robust attendance and participation. This is due to operational changes and cultural changes to the caucus process. The body has deliberative on issues regarding no-confidence votes, presidential search processes, and student safety. The Student Governance Caucus will continue to meet regularly and have robust conversations regarding student issues within the university's governance bodies.

Tyler Silvestri, Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler

Silvestri serves as the MSU Secretary for Academic Governance. The President and VP for Academic Affairs meet with him monthly to discuss items pertinent to the University and how they might implicate the university's shared-governance structures. Secretary Silvestri has been an integral ASMSU partner and he shows it consistently. His regular attendance to General Assembly and Student Governance Caucus meetings, their insights into ongoing university processes, and their advice for navigating the governance system have supported the Academi Affairs Department and the organization's student-centered initiatives.

#### Dr. Karen Kelly-Blake, Chairperson for the Faculty Senate

Dr. Karen Kelly-Blake serves as the Chairperson for the Faculty Senate, the deliberative body for MSU faculty. The President and VP for Academic Affairs meet with her monthly to discuss shared issues faculty and undergraduate students have. Over the course of the Fall Semester, these meetings have been deliberative and strategic as our community navigates shifts in leadership and governance decision. Chairperson Dr. Kelly-Blake has provided ASMSU leadership with insights into faculty opinions, decisions, and praise for ASMSU's work. Her leadership and partnership are deeply appreciated.

#### <u>Dr. Mark Largent, Associate Provost and Dean</u> <u>for Undergraduate Education</u>

Dr. Mark Largent serves as the Associate Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education. The ASMSU President and VP for Academic Affairs meet with him bi-weekly. He has been an integral partner for the Academic Affairs Department and the organization for the past several years. His insight, advice, and leadership in the realm of undergraduate education have been valuable to pursuing our student centered initiatives.

#### **Dr. Thomas Jeitschko, Interim Provost**

Dr. Thomas Jeitschko serves as the Interim Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs. The ASMSU President and VP for Academic Affairs meet with him monthly. Upon recommendations for this role, Interim Provost Jeitschko attended a General Assembly meeting to meet with student leaders to share his vision for the Provost Office and engagement with student-centered initiatives. Discussions around internship equity, course accessibility, and student health have been robust and deliberative. We wish him the best in his new role and are ready to continue engaging as partners in student-centered initiatives.

#### Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff, Interim President and Former

Provost & Executive VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff serves as the University's Interim President and served as the Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs. Before her appointment as Interim President, the ASMSU President VP for Academic Affairs met with her monthly to discuss major academic initiatives the organization aims to pursue such as syllabus boilerplate language and policies regarding absences and presence in courses. Her commitment to engaging with student leaders and to the shared-governance governance process is deeply appreciated. She has also attended two General Assembly meetings to engage with student leaders on a wide variety of issues from academic policies, to student health, and the general university. As she now assumes the role of Interim President, the Academic Affairs Department wishes her all the best.

The Academic Affairs Department hosted the fourth annual First Generation Appreciation Week from November 7 to November 11, 2022. The goal of the week was to support, celebrate, and provide resources for first-generation students on campus. We partnered with TRIO SSS, Spartan FLI, the Honors College, Student Life and Engagement, and the Career Services Network. By working with an increased number of partners, we were able to host

a greater number of events than in the past. These events included a First Gen Feast, First Gen Resource Fair, a virtual panel including faculty, students, and staff, a Student Roundtable Discussion, Instagram testimonials, and photo booths across campus. We distributed t-shirts, tote bags, stickers, and buttons throughout the week with the goal of first generation students sporting them to create a greater sense of community on campus. By establishing a strong foundation with our partners, our events saw more engagement than they have. Our goal for the future is to build off of this foundation to ensure that ASMSU and Michigan State University celebrate, acknowledge, and support First-Generation students year-round.

#### **Students & Governance**

The goal of this project is to analyze and draft a report on the state of student representation in governing groups and academic decision-making. ASMSU's mission is founded on establishing a collective student voice, this project hopes to enhance the concerns and solutions of undergraduate students in academic decision-making. I have read and analyzed all the college bylaws. I am now in the process of meeting with college leaders and student representatives.

#### **MSU Leadership Changes and Accountability**

The Academic Affairs Department has working to address changes within MSU's administration. Due to governance concerns, the department has spearheaded several pieces of legislation with support from university governance leaders. The following bills are as followed:

Bill 59-14: Concur with the Faculty Senate Resolution that an investigation of the MSU Board of Trustees be conducted and a report for recommended action be publicized

Bill 59-15: Concur with the Faculty Senate Resolution for the MSU Board of Trustees and MSU President to hire a professional governance firm to undergo professional development training

Bill 59-21: Support a vote of no confidence in the MSU Board of Trustees Bill 59-42: Advocate for a transparent, representative, and robust Permanent Presidential Search

Additionally, the Academic Affairs Department has been working with Faculty leadership and the student governance delegation to navigate changes within university administration and leadership. The department participated in an Academic Governance Teach-In to share student experiences and actions during these events. The Academic Affairs Department and the organization are committed to securing the foundations and principles of a shared governance model.

The Academic Affairs Department is excited about what the Spring Semester will bring. As we enter a transitionary period in the organization and the university, the Academic Affairs Department will continue to advocate on behalf of undergraduate students in their academic journey. Several items on the Spring Semester docket include RVSM advocacy, course attendance, course accessibility, and keeping university leadership accountable and transparent. We hope to keep fighting for undergraduates and as our motto says--SPARTANS WILL!

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**Laura Graham** (she/her)

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The Fall 2022 semester in Governmental Affairs was a dynamic and exciting semester. We started with Ishaan Modi as the elected VPGA, Jack Behan as Community Liaison, and Sophia Strach as State Liaison. Ishaan Modi resigned on October 21st and Sophia Strach was elected as the new VPGA. Thus far, most of our advocacy was working in tandem with Jack Behan at the community level. Externally, we had an incredible midterm election. Governor Whitmer defended her position as Governor, the house and senate at the state level flipped blue. We then had some interesting political implications at the state level as MSU administration shifted. Overall, a very fun and dynamic semester that sets the stage for a positive outlook for the spring.

<u>Student on City Council:</u> Jack Behan has been working with me to help a student get onto City Council. After the elections,

Jesse Gregg was elected as East Lansing judge, and thus left an open seat on city council to be filled via appointment. Thus far, we have been working with Connor Le to help him get his application materials ready. There were several people interested in this position, and we have been helping all of them as equally as we can. Connor Le was the most eager and met with us several times, whereas the other prospective applicants did not. Our advice includes a resume and cover letter that we have been guiding him to write. We have also been recommending the names of politicians in the area to connect with and get their endorsement. The city should decide on this at their next meeting on January 6th.

**String Lights:** A significant portion of my role as VPGA is repairing relationships with Admin and the City of East Lansing that were possibly damaged by previous administrations. One way to do this is by working on shared interests with students and the City. EL always wants to lower crime and increase safety, which is why they promised to match ASMSU's contribution to purchase string lights to be placed in several unlit alleyways. In our last GA meeting we passed a bill contributing 2,500 \$ to this issue, and it was thus matched by EL and string lights will be placed on the alleyways.

**Leasing Operations:** Leasing Operations are probably my favorite topic of Local politics. As I mentioned before I am attempting to make a new approach to changing the Leasing ordinance. After meeting with the Student Body President of U of M and their

Tenants Union. We were heavily advised to take a more conservative and less indignant approach to working with our local ordinances. Their reasoning was that there is little way to enforce a change in ordinance and when landlords do not want to do something, they will find a loophole around it. In this instance, the loophole is right to renew- as a method of getting around the leasing ordinance, Ann Arbor Landlords used the right to renew as leverage to get people to sign into early leases. In many cases this left current tenants without the option to renew and even introduced more predatory leasing practices, such as waitlists. Waitlists are being used to get students to pay for their spot on a waiting list to sign a lease when the leasing ordinance begins. This does not ensure a student can sign a lease, but simply places their name on a list that may allow them to sign in the future. In many cases leaves students without the opportunity to even sign and without the money they paid for their waitlist spot.

Within the context of East Lansing, most large leasing operations do not wish to have their leasing ordinance in October- which is different from what was communicated to us in the past-. Often it is smaller landlords that push for an October sign date, as they believe it will improve their business, and as the free market does, all of the other companies follow suit. My approach for this is to lobby the landlord operations using data and student testimonials that will be gotten in a survey being sent out in February. Building the reputation and voice of the student body and working in tandem with landlords and city council, we may be able to get this amicably passed.

<u>Sanctuary City:</u> Sanctuary City has been standing policy for the last three years. As of right now, East Lansing has made a commitment to undocumented people that the ELPD will

not work with federal organizations that specialize in deportation or immigration such as ICE or Border Control. However, that means that EL functions as a sanctuary city, but is not advertised as one. Jack Behan has done an excellent job of working with the East Lansing Human Rights Commission to discuss what Sanctuary City would look like. They have organized discussions and have gotten it passed to add it on the City Council agenda. The City Council will be discussing this issue at their next meeting on January 6th.

Midterm Elections: The Midterm Election was one of the last things done as State Liaison before the position went vacant. The Gov Affairs office worked with MSU Vote to collect data on student voting and advocate for students to vote. The districts were drastically changed since there was a push to change the gerry-mandered districts. This divided MSU and EL into three separate house jurisdictions and one senate jurisdiction. Overall, this change was positive and empowered the gov affairs office because now we have three more votes in the Mighican State house, as opposed to just one. The office printed and distributed Go Vote posters which educated students on which district they were in, as the district map change complicated things. Overall, the election went well in terms of the Gov Affairs initiatives. Gov Whitmer defended her seat, the house and

senate went blue. This kind of changes some stuff at the state level, but we can work it out.

Joint-Senate F Resolution: The advocacy for the Joint Senate F resolution has changed pretty drastically. The recent state elections have caused us to reevaluate our approach to advocating for the Joint-Senate F Resolution. However, the actions of the MSU administration have garnered significant attention and concern at the state level, which we believe will work in our favor as we push for legislation to regulate the Board of Trustees (BOT). One of the main issues we hope to address with this resolution is the lack of accountability and transparency within the BOT. There have been numerous instances where the BOT has made decisions without proper consultation or communication with the university community, leading to discontent and mistrust.

In addition, the BOT has been criticized for its handling of controversial issues such as budget cuts and layoffs, as well as its lack of diversity and representation. It is our belief that by regulating the BOT, we can ensure that the interests of the entire university community are taken into account and that there is a more democratic and inclusive decision-making process.

We recognize that achieving this legislation will not be an easy task, as there are likely to be challenges and opposition. However, we are committed to advocating for the Joint-Senate F Resolution and believe that it is in the best interests of the university and its stakeholders. We will continue to work diligently to garner support and push for its passage, in the hopes of bringing much-needed change and improvement to the MSU community.

The Association of Big Ten Students: ASMSU Federal Advocacy Summit: In the past, ASMSU has primarily relied on the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) and their annual Spring event, Big Ten on the Hill, to advocate for our priorities at the federal level. This year, we teamed up with MSU's DC office to hold meetings with various representatives and senators to discuss ASMSU's federal advocacy goals. This event was a great networking opportunity and we look forward to continuing to work with these offices in the Spring semester. We hope to make this a regular Fall initiative that strengthens our federal connections and increases the consistency of our federal advocacy efforts.

**Spring Transitions:** For the Spring we will be taking students to the capital and presenting student testimonials to the Committee of Educational Appropriations. I also plan to put out another survey on leasing to hopefully get some more advocacy going for that at the state-level. Due to the outcome of the state elections we have to reconsider how we advocate for the Joint-Senate F Resolution, but the MSU has caused a bit of commotion at the state-level, so it will not be a difficult task to get some legislation passed where BOT are being regulated.



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Recruited new General Assembly members and Class Council members through

Sparticipation, JMC Student Organization Fair, Social Science College

Colloquium, Education College Colloquium, Spartan Remix, and all other Fall

Welcome Events.

Responded to 500+ emails from interested Spartans between September 1 & amp;

October 31st

Organized the ASMSU Fall Retreat (Our ASMSU Grad Assistant, Dallin Perkes, helped with much of this):

Worked with Director of Marketing, Caitlin Finerty, to get Retreat shirts.

She did a fantastic job on the design & amp; ordering of

the shirts!

Helped plan van schedule & amp; book transportation.

Communicated and booked with MSU Transportation and MSU venues for retreat.

Planned the itinerary for the entire Retreat based on past feedback and implementation.

Worked with a smaller budget than in years past.

Total Budget: \$8,500

Spent: \$1819.47

Remaining: \$6,680.53

Coordinated pickup for several people in attendance.

Sent emails to those attending.

Organized relevant information from Google Forms sent to all who

planned to attend to prepare for dietary restrictions for the Retreat.

Ran check-in before van pickup, coordinated contract signing, and

ensured everyone was informed of our two-day schedule.

Note: Thank you to everyone who attended the ASMSU Retreat this year everyone who helped make it possible! I had a fantastic time, and I hope it made you all feel a little more welcome in this organization.

Continued easy lists of all Standing Policies. GA Guide to ASMSU.

Presentations:

Chair & Vice Chair Duties and Elections

First Meeting Crash-Course

**ASMSU History** 

**Orientation Presentations** 

Robert's Rules of Order

Retreat Presentations

All Meeting Presentations & Minutes on Google Classroom.

Kept up Standing Policy Tracker that is updated frequently by President/VPAA/VPGA.

o Created a Calendly located in my email signature that allows anyone to set up a meeting with me that best fits their schedule.

Worked with PR Manager Brandi Stover to create Bi Weekly Bill

Descriptions to be posted on ASMSU Social Media.

Worked to inform all General Assembly members of the life cycle of bills, what bills go far in advocacy, how to create comprehensive strategies to ensure that legislation is accurate and to the point, and voiced concern of the Spartan Community.

Created GroupMe's for Academic, Policy & amp;

Finance Committees

Made Attendance public knowledge with assistance from the Director of IT

Worked with Director of IT to get General Assembly & Class Council tabs on the website to be accurate and up to date.

Allowed for over two weeks for the General Assembly to submit a Committee Placement Interest Form Allowed for Rank Choice voting, allowing for

Representatives to inform me of what committee placement they would like to be a part of while also taking into consideration overall balance of each committee.

Of the 35 Reps who submitted the Committee Interest Form, 72% of reps received their first choice committee, 19% received their second choice, and 9% (three total Representatives) had to receive their last choice committee placement.

This was due to the time of submission, interest in said committee from fellow Co-reps who represent the same college, time constraints informed to me by other reps that did not allow them to take part in other committees scheduled at different times, etc.

Had committee placements viewed by multiple parties included but not limited to, entire Internal Administration Dept., DEI Dept. President, Chief of Staff, Director of Human Resources, Academic Affairs, etc.

Found another bookshelf to keep ASMSU records on paper in the IA office.

Reading through Historical Records and Creating Accessible Versions.

Began creating 57th, 58th & 29th General Assembly folders

Coordinating with several parties on creating the most COVID-safe environment for meetings while also allowing for as many people to participate actively for their comfort and safety.

Hybrid Meetings

**Proxy Voting** 

Created and Printed Placards (several times)

Committee Placements

Zoom Meetings, Google Calendar Events, Bill Drop Dates Weekly Gazettes Weekly Agendas
Weekly Minutes Docs
Weekly OOTP Report Docs,
Editing and Compiling GA Legislation
Emailing Those Interested in ASMSU

Allowed over 50 hours of open office hours.

Spent at least 20+ hours in meetings with representatives, class council members, Staff, OOTP, and fellow Spartans outside of open office hours to edit bills, answer questions, discuss ideas, work to make the Spartan community better, etc.

# Personal & Academic Governance Obligations: o Attended Meetings for Academic

Governance Committees: • University Council

- University Committee on Student Life and Engagement-(Chairperson)
- Steering Committee
- o Became the first openly LGBTQIA2S+ Trustee on the Dryden Community

School Board

Member of Election Task Force Chaired by REC Fox for Fall Elections.

Assisted in creating a Code of Operations-friendly election timeline.

Will work on General Assembly Elections during Spring Semester.

REC Fox did a fantastic job with his first semester in this position!:)

## **Emerging Leader Mackenzie Taylor:**

Worked on a Project to gauge best practices regarding mental health among Michigan State University students and student leaders in ASMSU:

Worked with Health, Safety and Wellness Emerging Leader Intern Kathryn Harding

Met with several relevant parties

Created Survey

Began the process of better understanding ASMSU as a whole, which includes attending General Assembly, Class Council, staff meetings, and outside activities.

Did fantastic work this semester, even after starting later than anticipated!

Associate VPIA Emily Hoyumpa focused a ton on how to create a more Cohesive ASMSU:

Planned the Halloween Party and Winter Celebration

Encouraged Class Council participation to all of ASMSU

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#### Preparations & Weekly Duties

- Planned Campus Wide Meet & Greet with AVPIA Hoyumpa.
- Created New Listservs.
- Created Google Classrooms & GroupMe's for each Class Council.
- Weekly Class Council Connect created by AVPIA Hoyumpa <3.</li>
- Weekly Agendas & Minutes created by Council Presidents and Approved by the IA office <3.</li>
- Weekly Meetings with Advisors & Grad assistants.

ASMSU because of the connections made.

#### Class Councils

- Each class council focuses on year-related issues and events to benefit their classmates.
- Retention Rate of about 80% between all councils from the beginning of the semester to the end
- Communicated about potential events, conferences, and other opportunities within ASMSU through a weekly newsletter sent by AVPIA Hoyumpa.
- Created a sense of comradery through the Class Councils
  - Collaborative events
    - Pumpkin Palooza (FCC but with help from JSOCC & SCC)
    - Big Class Council Exam Week Study Session
       @ MSU Library
  - White Elephant event (Class Council bonding event)
  - Other Presidents and Members were in attendance to other Class Council Meetings.
  - All General Assembly Liaisons sat with one another at General Assembly Meetings to converse about how each year can best be represented.
- Crash Course for all four Class Presidents on Robert's Rules of Order, but all could come if they wanted.

#### Freshman Class Council- Welcome Home Spartans

- Gained exposure to ASMSU by learning about other departments and the General Assembly.
  - Interacted and co-hosted events with the other class councils
- Created Committees for Events.
- Co-Hosted a tabling event to gauge Freshman interests and common issues.
- Planning Event for Spring Midterms to Destress & Learn Study Tips.
- Began the planning process of bringing back Battle of the Late Nights, an event that has not been done since before the COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Planning voter engagement event for ASMSU elections
- Focuses on their theme of Leadership development and how to spread it to other freshmen.
  - Hosted Pumpkin Palooza after Fall Break to connect all freshmen across campus
  - Bonded as FCC Thanksgiving events: made hand turkey decorations and watched movies
  - Participated in joint class council Secret Santa bonding event
- Developed working relationships with other class council members

#### Senior Class Council- Onto the Next Adventure

- Worked with the MSU Alumni office to begin establishing the Senior Class Campaign.
  - Advocated for donations to go to MSU Safe Place.
  - Board Members presented the Class Campaign Check to Interim President Woodruff and Interim Provost Jeitschko at the Fall Commencement Ceremony.
- Advertised, interviewed, and selected the Fall semester commencement speakers.
- Have begun coordinating Outstanding Senior & Faculty Awards.
- Voted on and approved taking over the planning of the second annual Canines for Change Finals Week Mental Health Event
- Supported the FCC pumpkin palooza event at People's Park
- Co-Hosted Class Council Holiday bonding party
- Co-Hosted finals preparation study event at the MSU Library with the other Class Councils.

\*\*\*So much has gone into the Internal Administration
Department this year, and I want to thank everyone, especially
Emily, Ben, Mackenzie, and all of the Class Councils, for helping
me along the way and making this the best year imaginable.
ASMSU is so amazing because of every Spartan, and the Internal
Administration Dept. works for each and every one of you. I was
elected by the students, for students, and everything I have been
able to accomplish this year is a result of the immense amount of
trust y'all have given me in serving as your VPIA. From one
Spartan to another, thank you so much for everything\*\*\*

-VPIA C.A.M.G.-

#### As always, In Green and White,

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Dorothy Zhao (she/Her/Hers): Junior Class Council President

Benjamin Fox (He/Him/His): Sophomore Class Council President

Delaney Jones (she/Her/Hers): Freshman Class Council President

Delany Jones



Vice President for Student Allocations Hady Omar

Broad International Student Council - \$300

Climb State - \$300

Sci Review - \$300

Survivor Michigan State - \$300

Egyptian Student Association - \$300

MSU Counter-Strike Club - \$300

Health care Research Association - \$300

**Total Start-Up Allocated: \$2,100** 

Spartan Battalion - \$4,500

MSU International Relations Organization -

\$4,500 MSU Rocketry - \$4,500

Cure Found - \$4,468.99

Turkish Student Association - \$1,143.15

Spartan Organize for Syria - \$2,000

Brazuca - \$1,935

Climb State - \$1,221.14

VIM Magazine - \$4,500

Second Stage Productions - \$3,046.52

Phi Chi Theta - Epsilon Phi Chapter -

\$4,000 Esports Club Association of MSU -

\$3,100

Multicultural Business Students - \$4,500

Pakistani Student Association - \$4,500

Water Ski Club - \$4,500

MSU Hackers - \$2,200

Survivor Michigan State - \$4,435

American Society of Landscape Architects, Michigan State

University Student Chapter - \$4,500

MSU Running Club - \$4,500

MSUMOTO - \$4,002.56

Strength Augmenting Robotic Exoskeleton - \$1,567.14

Successful Black Women - \$300

Delta Tau Lambda Sorority, Inc. Eta Chapter - \$2,940

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. Beta Epsilon Chapter - \$500

Women in Entrepreneurship - \$854

Undergraduate Moot Court Association - \$2,664

Indonesian Student Organization - \$3,762

On the Rise Entertainment - \$4,500

American Institute of Chemical Engineers -

\$4,500 Black Undergraduate Law Association -

\$3,700

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. - \$4,500

Spartan Show Stoppers - \$4,250.80

Pearl Project - \$3,810

Women's Ice Hockey - \$4,500

Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Racing Team - \$4,500

**Total General Funds Allocated: \$118,900.30** 

#### rso consulting office hours

The RSO Consultants, Macken Keefe and Luis Vasquez, have been hosting weekly office hours on Fridays from 12pm to 1pm for RSOs. The office hours serve as a convenient way for RSO leaders to drop in and ask any RSO-related questions they may have.

#### rso funding event

This academic year, our RSO Consultants, Macken Keefe and Luis Vasquez on behalf of the SAD office, attended a Registered Student Organization FundingWorkshop for RSOs. With the help from the Department of Student Life at MSU, RSOs learned about various ASMSU fundings, the application process, general rules and were able to ask questions about it.

#### rso resource guides

One goal I had when I ran for VPSA was to make sure that RSOs aren't neglected. So, this past summer I worked for weeks to make a condensed google doc (which is on the ASMSU website) that had a simple outline of howto get funding. I have received feedback from groups saying it was helpful. Thepresentation sample was edited to make RSOs present info that is specific to what the board wanted to hear. As a result, SAB meetings went much smoother.

#### goals for rsos

A goal I have been pushing for the Department has been to try and help RSOs that don't have access to immediate funds. There is a big gap between RSOs finances and this impacts their abilities to have adequate programming for their respective members. The code revisions are in the process of being completed and we want to make sure that there are some changes we can implement to make it equitable across the board.

North American Indigenous Student Organization - \$31,003 Black Student Alliance - \$44,450

Women's Council - \$10,000

Muslim Students Association - \$2,957

Student Veterans of America - \$13,076

Asian Pacific American Student Organization - \$8,700

Arab Culture Society - \$5,000

Jewish Student Union - \$17,000

#### **Total Activity Department Funds Allocated: \$132,186**

### **CORES & COPS**

This past year, I implemented a 4-6 week submission policy for CORES/COPS groups and funding has gone much smoother. Contracts and additional planning that Nicole and I go through are much easier to navigate and we are able to finish ahead of time. We allocated almost all our fall funding while also utilizing funds from SLE and OCAT. A goal I want to do is make funding more equitable across CORES and COPS groups since CORES groups get access to more funding.

This past summer, I worked on revamping the Student

Allocations Department. I wanted to come into the year knowing exactly what everyone in the office including me would do in a given week. The first part of my term I spent on making 1-pagers for my staff. SAD Staff orientation went smoothly because everything was on 1 page. I think this is what made this past semester so successful because everyone was on top of it. Also, we are in the process of wrapping up SAB code revisions.

Elena, the RSO Assistant, scheduled every organization on time every week and she made SAB run much smoother. Every RSO & CORES/COPS group was communicated with so we can provide them with services. Yatharth, the SABFM, got into the role at the end of October and finished almost all fall RSO funding reimbursements which has never happened before. Additionally, in the past SAD had issues with allocation agreements and receipts being sent late and causing disorganization. I had implemented a two week deadline for allocation agreement and a two week deadline for receipts post RSO programming. Every RSO allocation agreement was submitted a week in advance, and all receipts were submitted before the deadline.

This is how we were able to reimburse almost all RSOs very quickly.

Overall, we allocated \$120,000 to 41 RSOs including start-ups. A new aspect to funding that wasn't communicated with was notifying RSOs of reimbursements. I started emailing all RSOs once their reimbursement had been processed which Nicole said was a really great addition to the department.

This academic year we had 13 outstanding Student Allocations Board Members that met weekly to fund various organizations on campus. Most will be returning for the Spring Semester of 2023 to continue allocating funds.

**Chair Member** 

Abdal Katranji	
Kalianna Bork	Orientation & Training
Julia Chenault	Sabrina Tithi Isabella
Olisa Mbelu	Perez Lauren Bradford
Christian Baty	Adil Jat
Michale Coffey	Eli Allaire
Carson Morgan ~ Vice	Jacqueline Li

Similar to last year, this year's training for the Student Allocations Board has to be adjusted to fit a virtual setting over Zoom. Every board member was required to attend. The orientation consists of the history of ASMSU and SAB, general rules for funding at ASMSU, funding process, and many more. This year, we moved to fully in person meetings which has shown to be more productive. This year we started SAB with a full board in the second week of september which is very early. We had more meetings in the semester than the past while ending earlier in the semester.



Chief of Staff
Jack Harrison











