

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-017

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
STATEMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES TO INCLUDE BIAS-
MOTIVATED MISCONDUCT AS A VIOLATION AND AN AGGRAVATING FACTOR**

WHEREAS, The Statement of Student Rights & Responsibilities (hereafter referred to as “Statement”) describes possible behaviors which are inconsistent with the values of the University of Michigan community in Section IV; **AND**

WHEREAS, It outlines procedures to respond to such behaviors and suggests possible sanctions and interventions which are intended to educate and, through disciplinary action, safeguard members of the University community; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Statement explicitly says that “students have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity regardless of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status, and as revised in the University of Michigan Nondiscrimination Policy”¹; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Statement does not explicitly list bias-motivated misconduct as a violation of the values of the University of Michigan community, and as such does not explicitly outline educational measures or disciplinary interventions for such instances of misconduct; **AND**

WHEREAS, Without explicit codification of disciplinary interventions in cases of bias-motivated misconduct in the Statement, there is at best limited and decentralized codification of protection for students on the University of Michigan campus against bias-motivated misconduct; **AND**

WHEREAS, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor campus has experienced a string of bias-motivated misconduct targeting students based on their identities²; **AND**

¹ <https://oscr.umich.edu/sites/oscr.umich.edu/files/PDF%20SSRR%20%28July%202016%29.pdf>

² <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/campus-life/despite-university-response-bias-incidents-minority-students-still-feel-unsafe>

- WHEREAS,** The Statement will enter the next regular amendment cycle during the 2018-2019 academic year; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** The Central Student Government (hereafter referred to as “CSG”) President, the Vice President of Student Life (hereafter referred to as “VPSL”) and the Chair of the Student Relations Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as “SRAC”) of the Faculty Senate can approve an off-cycle amendment period with unanimous consent, if they should deem it necessary; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** CSG is a key stakeholder in this process, as one of three entities – those being CSG, the Faculty Senate, and the Executive Officers of the University – with the ability to offer amendments to the Statement; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Bias-motivated misconduct continues to pose a unique and growing threat to the University community, especially students of underrepresented identities³; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the CSG Assembly strongly encourages the CSG President, VPSL, and Chair of SRAC to open an off-cycle amendment period, spanning from November 2017 to January 2018, in coordination with relevant partners; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** The CSG Assembly supports the addition of language to Section IV of the Statement that defines bias-motivated misconduct and lists it as a violation of community values; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** The CSG Assembly supports the amendment to the Statement including not only list bias-motivated misconduct as a violation of the University code of conduct, but also outlining bias-motivation as an aggravating factor for any other violation listed in Section IV of the Statement; **AND BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED,** That CSG will work with relevant partners to ensure campus-wide awareness about the Statement amendment process, proposed Statement amendment language, and any related follow-up on the approval of proposed amendments during this off-cycle period.

³ <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/community-affairs/students-mental-and-emotional-health-impacted-bias-incidences>

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Yes: _____ No: _____ Abs: _____ Date: _____

Signature Necessary: _____ Signature Received By _____: _____