

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

December 5, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Steering Committee
FROM: Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance
SUBJECT: University Council Action on Ad Hoc Committee on Free Speech

Section 5.4.2. of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance* reads, "The Steering Committee shall recommend to the University Council the composition, method of selecting members, functions, and procedures of ad hoc committees."

At the November 7, 2023 Steering Committee meeting, the committee considered a proposal for an Ad Hoc Committee on Free Speech and declined to make specific recommendations until the University Council approved the existence of such an ad hoc committee at all.

Faculty Senator Mark Worden presented the proposal to the University Council on November 28 and moved to "authorize a committee to look at free speech on MSU's campus." Following an amendment, the University Council voted 64 to 17 to "authorize an ad hoc committee to consider issues of free speech and hate speech on MSU's campus."

The issue is referred back to the Steering Committee for further action.



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