University Council calls upon the Provost, Office of Research and Innovation and Office of Sponsored Programs to immediately withdraw and reconsider the global activities requirement disclosure. Specifically, the university administration should:

1. Recognize that any time there is a conflict between human subjects protection and international disclosure, human subjects protection should take precedence;
2. Exempt social science and humanities research from the global activities requirement disclosure of unfunded collaborations;
3. Provide clear guidance on reporting requirements to avoid uncertainty and unnecessary duplication; and,
4. Avoid xenophobic language, including language that suggests that there is intrinsic bias and impropriety associated with international collaboration.

During the process of reconsideration, University Council calls upon the university administration to:

1. Seek input from all stakeholders, including units with high percentages of faculty conducting international research, the international research centers (Asian Studies; African Studies; Muslim Studies; Center for Gender in Global Context; Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies; Canadian Studies), MSU Alliance for African Partnership, international faculty and staff associations, representatives from different disciplinary backgrounds since they have unique concerns, and DEI stakeholders; and,
2. Provide a community forum and listening session for input from faculty, academic staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and all interested parties on the topic of international research collaboration.

University Council also calls upon the university administration to develop a task force focused on anti-Asian racism and anti-Chinese xenophobia, particularly as it relates to issues of racial climate, recruitment, and retention for Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Asian international faculty, staff and students at Michigan State University.
Additional information:

- Diversity and international collaboration should not become casualties of anti-espionage policies. (2019). Nature, 571(7765), 297–297. [https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-019-02180-9](https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-019-02180-9) A Nature editorial warning that universities should “take great care not to create a toxic atmosphere of unfounded suspicion and fear” and that “security’ must include the security of those people from minority groups, such as Chinese and Chinese American scientists, who have made an important contribution to the success of US science”


- JASON Report from the National Science Foundation, [https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19200/research_protection.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19200/research_protection.jsp) While strongly prioritizing national security framings, it does not recommend requirements as sweeping as the MSU GAED policy

- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, [Recommended Practices for Strengthening the Security and Integrity of America’s Science and Technology Research Enterprise](https://www.whitehouse.gov/) (January 2021), Recommends a centralized disclosure process for international collaborations, but does not mandate a timeline

- [Town Hall on international research](https://www.bostonu.edu/) offered by Boston University

- University of Michigan Asian American Pacific Islander Task Force created in response to increased anti-Asian hate, discrimination and violence

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