

# MSU trustees approve amendment to anti-discrimination policy

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EAST LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan State University Board of Trustees voted today to add "gender identity" to the list of protected categories in the university's anti-discrimination policy.

The policy also prohibits acts which harass any university community member on the basis of age, color, gender, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or weight.

"We hope that this amendment sends a clear message that harassment of individuals on the basis of gender identity will not be tolerated within the MSU community," Trustee Colleen McNamara said.

The amendment to the policy also states that "the reference to 'gender identity' prohibits harassment based on (a) any gender-specific behavior, appearance or expression of an individual that departs from the harasser's expectations for gender-specific behavior, appearance or expression or (b) any change of gender, completed or in process."

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