

**The University of Michigan  
University Senate  
Motion #042726-6**

**Resolution to Reject Collaboration with the Senior Service College Fellowship Program**

**Whereas** the Secretary of Defense Peter Brian Hegseth has eliminated Senior Service College (SSC) Fellowship programs within graduate-level Professional Military Education (PME) at 13 top-ranked US colleges and universities, arguing that those institutions “subject[ed] our warriors to woke indoctrination” and “anti-American resentment” rather than promoting “the study of victory” and “developing the most lethal and effective leaders and warfighters the world has ever known”;

**Whereas** the Department of Defense has designated the University of Michigan as a potential partner to “to restore and maintain the warrior ethos within the [DoD]”;

**Whereas** the Department of Defense under Peter Hegseth’s leadership has continuously engaged in conduct broadly considered illegal and constitutive of war crimes, and has attacked the Islamic Republic of Iran without congressional authorization in a war that has already led to the deaths of more than 1500 Iranian civilians, including 200 children, as well as the deaths of at least 13 American troops;

**Whereas** Mr. Hegseth has aggressively undermined the separation of church and state in the Department of Defense;

**Whereas** Mr. Hegseth has blocked the promotion of highly qualified Black or female service personnel and has dismissed highly qualified Black and female four-star officers;

**Whereas** the faculty of the University of Michigan remains committed to the very principles of inclusion, equity, and diversity that Mr. Hegseth has declared to be incompatible with the training of US military officers; and

**Whereas** it is decidedly not the mission of the University of Michigan to train military officers in a manner that aligns with Mr. Hegseth’s ideological priorities;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the faculty calls upon the University of Michigan to publicly reject collaboration with the Senior Service College fellowship program under this administration;

**Be it further resolved** that the faculty of the University of Michigan will continue to stand ready to educate military officers, like all of our students, according to the intellectual and ethical standards of a great secular research university, which aim to foster a critical mindset; and

**Be it further resolved** that the U-M faculty stands in solidarity with our colleagues at Harvard, Columbia, Brown, Georgetown, Princeton, Carnegie Mellon, John Hopkins University, Yale, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and wishes to join them in being rejected by Mr. Hegseth.

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***Julie Boland, Professor of Psychology & Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts***

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*Approved by the University Senate on April 30, 2026*

*Results: Yes, 1440 (77.7%); No 413 (22.3%); Abstain 483 - Motion PASSED*