

Students United

Internal Affairs April Agenda

Saturday, April 3rd, 3pm-5pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069710745>

mission

led by Minnesota State University students, we are the inclusive voice for all future, current, and former students. We actively work to represent and support Minnesota State university students and advocate at a system, local, state, and federal level for higher education policies that make a positive impact for our students and communities

Agenda Items

- Call to Order: 3:00pm
- Land Recognition Statement:
 - *Our institutions reside on the land of the Oceti Sakowin and Anishinaabe Peoples*
- Introductions:
 - **Present:** Ethan Dotzler, Hannah Harper, Ogochukwu Chidi-Igwe, Nico Arias, Staff: Christina DeVries and Abeer Syedah
- Approval of February 2021 Minutes
 - **No quorum, minutes approved by everyone**
- Updates since last committee
 - *Updates from February Discussions/Motions*
 - **Update on recommendation that board have more stances on vaccines**
 - *Updates on Internal Affairs/Review of the Year*
 - **Staff gives an update on key internal updates**
- Governing Documents Updates/Actions
 - *Financial Policies Update*
 - **Director of Development goes over the financial policies review**
 - *Other Updates/Actions*

- *Committee reviews governing documents*
- *State Chair asks for feedback on if board policy/procedure should have language that mandates that appointees to committees of the board include appointees from outside of student government*
- *Committee members recommend the board look at language about committee appointments to include appointments from outside student government*
 - *Move that the students united board of directors amend the board policy and procedure that relate to number of appointments related to committees (Article 2, 3.1, 4.1,5.1) to include a limit of 1 student association member per committee appointment to increase the diversity, equity, participation, inclusiveness for opportunities among students.*
 - *No quorum—all present representatives support sending discussion to board*
 - *Some discuss logistics or reasoning related to why student government presence is majority*
- *FY22 Planning*
 - *FY22 Events/Activities*
 - *Committees meet digitally, multiple times a year, some suggest more spring meetings when appointments are full*
 - *Support for digital student connections events*
 - *Support for open conferences with more diversity of activities*
 - *Support for more legislative meetings with students' hometown legislators in the spring*
 - *Suggestion to keep some virtual programming next year so things are accessible for the schools faraway; maybe even keep some of the conference structure online*
 - *Suggestion for networking events on zoom*

- *Pitch for a Students United retreat in the warm weather: work/play, discuss ideas, have activities/fun, debate, like Boys State, maybe full weekend—Maybe April Conference*
 - *Support for a Fall grad school fair and Spring job fair*
 - *Program Outcomes*
 - *Keep sustainability*
 - *More public health, public safety education, more emergency preparedness from our campuses*
 - *Students United legislative updates and advocacy reports (suggestion to keep the website updated with monthly updates and ways to get involved)*
- [Optional Discussions]
 - *Open Discussion on Evaluating Campus's Pandemic Year*
 - *SMSU: Felt it was hard to have any engagement/relationships/etc this year, understands why, but didn't take away from how difficult the year was*
 - *MSUM: students got updates after decisions were made, so decisions were always agreeable to those who wanted them*
 - *Students United Commitments*
 - *Overview*
 - *Feedback*
 - *Feedback on how to include more student voices in the accountability process*
 - *Other Topics of Discussion*
 - *none*
- Announcements
 - *Senate Connections Next Friday 12-1:30pm*
 - *Officer Candidate Townhall/Questions*
 - *NSJ Scholarship*
- Adjournment: **4:45pm**