

Students United

Legislative Priorities Advisory Committee Agenda

Saturday, April 3rd / 12:00pm – 2:00pm

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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:
- Land Recognition Statement:
 - *Our institutions reside on the land of the Oceti Sakowin and Anishinaabe Peoples*
- Introductions
 - **Present:** Zac Spohn, Josie Groebner, Ethan Dotzler, State Chair Jonathan McNicholes, Staff: Abeer Syedah, Thomas Anderson
- Approval of February 2020 Minutes
 - **No quorum, group approves**
- Updates Since February
 - *LPAC Motions/Board Motions*
 - ***No motions or recommendations in February***
 - *Legislative Updates/Review of Year*
 - ***Director of Government Relations goes over key legislation Students United is supporting as well as efforts from the last few months, including student meetings with state legislators***
- Space for Students United Legislative Issues

- Discussion about monitoring the online differential tuition related increases to other fees or tuition and ensuring there aren't other increases
- Discussion about campus student leaders being able to collaborate on these campus level discussions
- Space for Campus Legislative Discussion
- FY22 Planning
 - *FY22 Events/Activities*
 - *Find ways to include non-student government students involved in Students United, opening*
 - *Support for committees continuing to meet digitally next year a few times a year*
 - *Support for Students United having open November and April conferences with more travel time*
 - *Feedback about the length of travel but the value on in-person events*
 - *Have key people on campuses, like other student leaders, that Students United consistently checks in with*
 - *Support for focus groups and other ways to engage student leaders outside of student government*
 - *Program Outcomes*
 - *All legislative conversations are fundamentally defined by the fact that students are broke or made to be broke*
 - *Support for student leaders being compensated, and fairly, for their labor*
- [Optional Discussions]
 - *Open Discussion on Evaluating Campus's Pandemic Year*
 - *MSUM repeats feeling that their students had to make COVID decisions; felt COVID restrictions were too relaxed; felt student leaders were making the hard decisions*
 - *Winona felt well-consulted and responded to. Winona student government gave ideas on a lot of decisions and went forward with them. Spring break example. Mentions the pandemic webinars.*

- *MSUM felt their consultation was updates, not the ability to inform the decision. Felt students aren't treated as partners.*
- *Students United Commitments*
 - *Overview*
 - *Feedback*
 - *Questions about grad requirement*
- *Other Topics of Discussion*
- *Announcements*
 - *Officer Candidate Townhall/Questions*
 - *Senate Connections Next Friday 12-1:30pm*
 - *NSJ Scholarship*
- **Adjournment: 1:45pm**