

Student Senate News

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY OF MOORHEAD

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Greetings

PR CHAIR GRACE VETRONE

I'd like to welcome everybody to October. Back in September we said we would be keeping you (The Student Body) up to date on what Student Senate is doing. Transparency is important and we hope to provide you with some clarity by sending out these Newsletters. We also value your feedback. Any comments, concerns, or issues you have, we want to hear it.

Bia Response Team and Syllabus Statement

PRESIDENT NICO ARIAS

The Bias Incident Response Team and Anti-Bias Syllabus Statement intend to reduce incidents of bias on campus by faculty, students and staff. These measures are not about punishment, but about education and growth.

COVID-19

Are you struggling due to the effects of COVID-19? Use Student Issue Form on Dragon Central, contact Student Senate or Nico Arias. We will assist!

Students United

PRESIDENT NICO ARIAS

Students United Fall conferences have begun. Contact Nico (nico.arias@go.mnstate.edu) or Students United (studentsunited.org) if you are interested or want more information.

Dean Joshua Behl, VP Nelson and President Arias



VP Nelson, Chair Vetrone, Chair Witherill, Secretary Mueller, President Arias and Senator Witherill



SAFAC Land

TREASURER ALEX PETERSON

What is SAFAC? SAFAC stands for Student Activities Fee Allocation Committee. We are a Student Affairs Committee that is advisory to Student Senate and chaired by the Student Senate Treasurer. SAFAC has 8 student members, the chair, and a non-voting faculty advisor.

Our role is to allocate student fee dollars, specifically the Student Activity Fee according to board policies. Based on all the requests and the projected number of credits students will take, SAFAC recommends the per credit amount for the Student Activity Fee each year. Student Activity Fee supports many aspects of life at MSUM, including student organizations, student life, student events and much more. SAFAC also hears requests from budget managers and recommends allocations for these areas annually. In the Spring Semester SAFAC receives requests from student organizations for their yearly budgets and make recommendations to Student Senate on what organizations will receive as their annual budget.

Throughout the year, SAFAC is also responsible for hearing requests from student organizations on campus. These requests will typically be for travel or supplemental funding. This year, we have been hearing many requests for the latter and for virtual conferences since travel has been curtailed due to COVID-19. Need to request funds? Head to DragonCentral, fill out the form, and schedule a time to meet with us. Thanks for reading and we hope to see you in our Zoom Room!

Vote!

SECRETARY JESS MUELLER AND PR
CHAIR GRACE VETRONE

Since its October that means we are only a month away from the 2020 election. Student Senate is encouraging to go out and vote. It doesn't matter what you believe or who you're voting for. You should get your voice heard by doing your civic duty. Student Senate will be hosting a few events to teach and engage students to vote.

- Voting Info and Questions Zoom on Tuesday Oct. 6th at 6:00pm
- Chalk the Walk on Thursday Oct. 8th from 12pm-3pm on the Campus Mall
- Voter Battles against Conco, NDSCS and MState. Sign up now through Oct. 30th

Visit Dragon Central for more info on all the events. And keep an eye out for more to come.

*President Arias and PR Chair
Vetrone*



General Information

- Interested in student advocacy? Apply at Dragon Central to be:
 - Senator
 - Chair
 - Committee Member
- Our next Meet and Confer is October 15th at 6:00pm
- Our weekly meetings are Thursdays at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcomed
- Hop on our Zoom Office Hours to chat and discuss
- Have an issue? We have forms on Dragon Central
- Want to know more about anything in the newsletter? Email us.
- Find links to all the forms and Zooms here:
<https://mnstate.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/student senate>
- Bi-Weekly President Arias and PR Chair Vetrone have a radio show on KMSC to discuss current issues and events. Visit dragonradio.org to learn more.

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." - Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



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