



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY

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Student representatives to the Board of Regents (Board) present the student voice to the Board, providing a unique perspective that assists the Board in its deliberations.

SECTION I. REPRESENTATION AND ELECTION.

Subd. 1. Representation. There shall be seven student representatives. Four students shall be elected from the Twin Cities campus and one student each from the Crookston, Duluth, and Morris campuses. Of the Twin Cities representatives, one shall represent the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) and three shall represent the Minnesota Student Association (MSA), one of whom shall be enrolled in one of the colleges based on the St. Paul campus.

Subd. 2. Election. Student representatives from the coordinate campuses shall be elected by the elected student legislative bodies of their respective campuses. On the Twin Cities campus, student representatives shall be elected by GAPSA and MSA according to the parameters set forth in Subd. 1. of this section. Guidelines and policies for such election shall be created by the appropriate electing body and approved by an ad hoc policy committee composed of the University Student Senate Consultative Committee and the current student representatives. This policy committee shall be convened by the chair of the Student Senate Consultative Committee.

Subd. 3. Criteria for Election. The primary election criteria shall be the ability of the candidate to function as an effective advocate for the widest range of student concerns and commitment of the time necessary to participate in Board committee activities.

Subd. 4. Term of Office. Student representatives shall be elected and named during the spring semester of each year. They shall assume office June 1 and serve for a term of one year or until replaced. The executive director/secretary of the Board shall arrange an orientation. During orientation, the student representatives shall elect a chair and two vice chairs.



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Subd. 5. Alternate Student Representatives. An alternate student representative shall be elected for each student representative and shall act in the event an elected student representative is absent, resigns, ceases to be enrolled (not including summer school), or is removed.

Subd. 6. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy, the alternate shall become the student representative. If there is no alternate, the electing body, in accordance with Subd. 2 of this section, shall elect a replacement to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Subd. 7. Removals. A student representative or alternate may be removed for unexcused absences or nonperformance of duties in accordance with procedures established by the student representatives and agreed to by the electing body.

SECTION II. PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES AT BOARD MEETINGS.

Subd. 1. Committee Assignments. There shall be two student representatives assigned to each of the following committees: Audit; Educational Planning and Policy; Facilities; Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs; and Finance and Operations.

Subd. 2. Flexibility in Representation. Student representatives are allowed flexibility in representation to the committees; i.e., a student representative may yield to another student representative who is not on the committee to speak on an issue under consideration.

Subd. 3. Voting and Motions. Student representatives shall not vote, but they may make suggestions that a Regent may affirm in the form of a motion.

Subd. 4. Reports. Student representatives may present the following reports to the Board:

- Report of the Student Representatives — The chair of the student representatives, upon recognition by the chair of the Board, may present the student representatives' viewpoint on appropriate issues before the Board.

- Semester Reports — Each semester the student representatives may present a report to the Board in writing and/or verbally. The executive director/secretary of the Board shall approve topics for reports and the methods of collecting data or requesting information.



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Subd. 5. Agenda Items. Student representatives may submit agenda items for committees in the manner outlined in the Board's bylaws and policies so that proper docket materials are prepared for review by committee members in advance of the meeting.

Subd. 6. Dissenting Points of View. Student representatives may express a dissenting point of view on any report of a standing committee presented to the Board. Upon recognition by the chair of the Board, the chair of the student representatives shall present the report, orally or in writing.

Subd. 7. Expenses of Student Representatives. Expenses of student representatives related to Board meetings shall be reimbursed by the Board Office in accordance with existing University expense policies and Board guidelines for permissible expenses.

Subd. 8. Expenses of Alternates. Upon request by the chair of the student representatives and good cause being shown, the executive director/secretary of the Board, after consultation with the chair of the Board, is authorized to reimburse expenses for alternates to participate, as members of the audience, in committee deliberations. The role of the alternate shall remain the same; that is, the alternate may participate in committee deliberations as a student representative to that committee only in the absence of the elected student representative from that campus.

SUPERSEDES: THE ROLE OF ALTERNATES DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1977; STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS DATED DECEMBER 8, 1989; STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DATED DECEMBER 9, 1977; AND TWIN CITIES REPRESENTATIVES DATED DECEMBER 10, 1976.