

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## REINVESTING IN STUDENTS

State University Faculty Support:

- \$350 million to fund the MinnState request.
- \$137 million increase in base campus funding to close campus structural deficits created by legislative disinvestment and unfunded tuition restrictions going back to 2015.
- \$8 Million to fully fund the NextGen Project and reduce the burden on campus budgets.
- Increase the employer contribution for the Individual Retirement Account Plan (IRAP) that matches the TRA employer contribution.
- \$750,000 to expand state funding of the Inclusive Higher Education Grant program to design postsecondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities.
- Fully fund and reestablish the authority of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB).
- Funding for 4 years of tuition-free attendance at a Minnesota state college and/or university
- Increase funding to cover the full costs associated with students enrolled in Concurrent Enrollment or PSEO.
- \$3 million in operational funding for Minnesota's Tribal Colleges.
- Increased funding for the Teachers of Color Act (ITCA).
- Investments to enhance and promote campus safety.
- Invest in campus infrastructure by fully funding the MinnState Capital Investment request.

## EQUITY AND CAMPUS SAFETY

State University Faculty Support:

- Legislative policies which respect the inherent worth and dignity of all students, faculty, and staff and that foster an actively engaged learning community based on justice, equity, and inclusiveness.
- Protections for bodily autonomy, including gender-affirming health care, access to abortion, and other reproductive health care.
- Allowing campuses to restrict visitors from carrying firearms through the reasonable request process.
- Support indigenous students by strengthening partnerships between Minnesota State and Minnesota Tribal Colleges.

## VOTING RIGHTS

State University Faculty Support:

- Increasing access to voting, including expanding mail voting, automatic voter registration, early voting, and restoring the right to vote for those living in the community.

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INTER FACULTY  
ORGANIZATION

## STATE GRANT REFORMS

State University Faculty Support:

- Reforms to the State Grant Program that increase Living and Miscellaneous Expenses (LME).
- Change State Grant and Scholarship guidelines to expand opportunities for all Minnesotans.
- Restrict or eliminate State Grant awards to for-profit higher education entities.
- Strengthen institutional eligibility requirements for the State Grant Program.

## PROTECTING ACADEMIC FREEDOM

State University Faculty Support:

- Limiting the authority of the MinnState system office and stopping administrative growth.
- Empowering faculty to truthfully educate students so they may critically identify and analyze all forms of discrimination.
- Faculty maintain control of all curricular and academic decisions, including transfer. Faculty oppose partnerships with Online Program Management (OPM) companies.

## LABOR RIGHTS

State University Faculty Support:

- Protect and strengthen collective bargaining rights.
- Change PELRA's definition of "year" to include courses taught outside the fall and spring semesters to expand IFO representation.
- SEGIP requirement to cover costs for dental work that is necessary due to a medical procedure or condition.
- The expansion of accessible and affordable healthcare for all Minnesotans.
- Ending any requirement of health coverage for an ex-spouse of a state employee.

## TAXES

State University Faculty Support:

- Permanent state revenue increases that target those with the ability to pay their fair share and that make the tax system more fair, equitable, and just.
- Exempting President Biden's one-time student loan forgiveness from state and federal taxes through Federal tax conformity.