

## **Student Fee Referendum #1**

### **Primary Ballot Language**

Approve the Student Government-recommended and supported 6.2% increase to the Student Activity Fee for Fiscal Year 2026. If approved, the fee will increase from \$9.81 per credit hour to \$10.42 per credit hour.

### **More Information:**

The Student Activity Fee provides support for many student-centered programs and activities, including, but not limited to: Campus Recreation, Student Activities, Homecoming, Multicultural Student Activities, International Student Activities, Maverick Food Pantry, Theater & Dance, and more. The months-long process of developing this budget has resulted in your Student Government, recommending and supporting an 6.2% increase to the fee for the next Fiscal Year. If approved, the fee will increase from \$9.81 to \$10.42 per credit hour. For most students, this represents an increase of \$7.32 per semester, based on the current banding structure. Across all student fees, Student Government has proposed a 3.3% total increase.

In 2017, the Minnesota Legislature enacted a requirement that an increase of more than 2.0% to certain Student Fees, including the Student Activity Fee and the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee, be approved by a vote of the student body.

## **Student Fee Referendum #2**

### **Primary Ballot Language**

Student Fee Referendum 2: Approve the Student Government-recommended and supported 5.0% increase to the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee for Fiscal Year 2026. If approved, the fee will increase from \$5.58 to \$5.86 per credit hour.

### **More Information:**

The Intercollegiate Athletics Fee provides support for athletics programs and enables students to attend nearly all athletic events at no additional cost. Your Student Government, recommends and supports a 5.0% increase to this fee. The Athletics Department at Minnesota State University, Mankato trails its peers in Student Fee support, yet it has one of the largest and most successful programs among those peers. If approved, the fee will increase from \$5.58 to \$5.86 per credit hour. For most students, this represents an increase of \$3.36 per semester, based on the current tuition banding structure. Across all student fees, Student Government has proposed a 3.3% total increase.

In 2017, the Minnesota Legislature enacted a requirement that an increase of more than 2.0% to certain Student Fees, including the Student Activity Fee and the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee, be approved by a vote of the student body.

## **Constitutional Amendment #1**

### **Primary Ballot Language**

Renaming of "Newspaper Board" to "Media Affairs Board" and related revisions.

### **More Information:**

Shall the Student Government Constitution be Amended by Substitution?

Subsection A, Section 1 of Article V - Independent Boards and Judicial Commissions - Replace the "Newspaper Board" with a "Media Affairs Board" and change the number of voting students

from 4 elected at large to 2 elected at-large and 1 appointed by the Student Government President. All other language in subsection to be modified to reflect name change and related "housekeeping" modifications approved by Constitution Commission 3/21/25. Changes are being made in order to accommodate changing landscape which is less reliant on printed media.

### **Constitutional Amendment #2**

#### **Primary Ballot Language**

Further Specify/Limit Allowable Sanctions from Commission on Ethics and Standards

#### **More Information:**

Shall the Student Government Constitution be Amended by Addition?

Add: Subsection B. Section E of Article V - Commission on Ethics and Standards - The Ethics and Standards Commission cannot suspend the duties or pay of a Student Government Officer or Senator though they may choose other kinds of sanctions or measures.

### **Constitutional Amendment #3**

#### **Primary Ballot Language**

Specify that Commission on Ethics and Standards may Recommend Removal from Office and Submit Recall Petition

#### **More Information:**

Shall the Student Government Constitution be Amended by Addition?

Add: Section 2 of Article X - Recall Petition submitted to Ethics and Standards Commission - The Ethics and Standards Commission can recommend the removal from office of a Student Government Officer or Senator and may submit a Recall Petition for Student Senate consideration.