

End of Year ASNMU Update

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What we have worked on

- Okanagan Charter Resolution
- Period Project Maintenance
- Grief Absence Policy
- Updating the Wildcat Wallet
- Cap and Gown Rentals
- Harden Hall Murals
- Condomonium
- Gender Fair
- Pancakes with the President



Project Updates

Period Project

Some product shortages, increased faculty participation

Conferences

United Student Government Conference at CMU

Wildcat Wallet

Continuously updating business participation

Cap and Gown Rental

Expansion of caps and gowns, all time high for us

Okanagan Charter

Passed resolution of support

Grief Absence

Still working to revise the resolution and working with administration to create this

Work with other Student Governments

- Monthly President meetings
- Work with State Government on campus safety
- United Conference
- Joint statements



A JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN

February 14, 2023

We are heartbroken by the tragic events that have transpired over the past several hours on the campus of Michigan State University. Students across the 15 Michigan public universities stand with the Spartan Community as we all begin to process this tragic loss. Schools are supposed to be educational institutions where students do not have to fear for their safety or their lives. However, this senseless act of violence has reminded us once again that this is not the reality for those of us in the present day and age.

We are all stricken with grief as further details are being released about the events of last night's shooting. Our hearts are breaking for all those affected, including the victim's families, friends, and loved ones. We know one thing to be certain—something has to change. Something must change.

While our college communities continue to process another senseless act of gun violence, we hold a shared sentiment that business cannot continue as usual. Although universities are academic institutions in nature, we must first remember humanity, and attend to the needs of those who have been affected by this tragedy. Therefore, we are calling upon the administrations at each of our universities to act in a way that is above reproach.

Across our institutions, we have seen a wide array of emergency response protocols employed over the past several hours. However, some have been more effective than others. In a unified student voice, we are calling for reform for the ways in which our universities prepare to handle events of this kind. Communications must be effective and timely, space must be provided for students to gather and grieve, and academic policies must be made flexible during times of tragedy. Additionally, it has become clear that campus safety must be an administrative priority across our entire state.

Students- this event affects us all uniquely, which means that our journey toward healing will not be the same. There are a number of resources that are available, so please seek the help you need. Please see your university's messages for direction toward these resources, or reach out to your student government which will be able to assist you in the connection process.

You are loved, You are seen, and You are not alone.

Standing together, and with the Spartan Community.

The Student Body Presidents of the State of Michigan

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Grief Absence Policy

- Working resolutions
- Discussions with administration
- Faculty bereavement without loss of pay
- Faculty have limited days based on relationship (five, three, or one days)



What can we improve on?

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging efforts
- Student Financial Security
- Sustainability efforts on campus
- The relationship between the administration and the student body



2023-2024 Assembly Updates

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As we move forward...

- Getting to know student organizations and bringing student government back to students
 - Increasing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging efforts within the Assembly and student body as a whole
 - Grief Absence Policy
 - Improving the dining systems for students
 - Can we work on employee retainment? Can we extend hours? Is there a way to do take out again? How can we create more inclusive options for those with dietary restrictions?
 - How can we help students during the housing process?
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Thank you!
