What is MSSA?

Since 1963 the Minnesota State Student Association has been the voice of students at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

MSSA provides a link between students and administration through the senate and its committees.

As a governing body, the student association is responsible for voicing student concerns and questions to administrators and legislators at local, state and federal levels.

Have Your Voice Heard

There are many ways that you have your voice be heard:

- Academic Senators
- Student Life Senators
- Committees
- Meetings
- Lobbying

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MSSA Positions

Elected by Students
• President
• Vice President
• Academic Senators
  – At least one for every college
• Student Life Senators
  – One for each residence hall
  – Eight off-campus

Elected by Senate
• Speaker

Appointed Cabinet Positions
• Academic Affairs Coordinator
• Cultural Diversity Representative
• Legislative Affairs Coordinator
• MSUSA Campus Representative
• Public Relations Coordinator
  — Student Affairs Coordinator

Responsibilities to Student Body

Lobby
The student association advocates messages related to Minnesota State Mankato students to local, state and federal legislatures. Students have the opportunity to go to the state capitol with the senators, to influence policy making decisions. Senators go to Washington, D.C. to lobby on issues that are student related.

Meet and Confer with Administration
The student association gives Minnesota State Mankato administration insight on student concerns. It helps plan conferences and serves on university committees.

Work on Student Fee Budget
A committee within the student association develops a recommendation for the student activity fees. It then creates the budget and presents it to administration.

Provide a Student Attorney
MSSA provides a licensed practicing attorney who gives free legal advice on matters such as traffic violations, landlord-tenant problems, employment concerns and financial difficulties.

Getting Involved

Run for Senator
• Elections held in the April and September
• Mid-term elections held to fill vacancies
  – find more info at www.mnsu.edu/mssa

Join a Committee
• MSSA has many committees that students can join.
• To learn more about the committees and how to join visit www.mnsu.edu/mssa

Apply for Senate Cabinet Positions
• Coordinator positions are selected by the President and Vice president.

Attend Senate Meetings
• Students are welcome to attend Senate Meetings Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. in CSU 284.