

State of the Student Senate 2020-2021

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Mission

The Student Senate of Wayne State University works to represent the interests of the Wayne State University student body by encouraging student achievement, leadership, and interaction across campus and within the Detroit community. As a representative body, we seek student feedback and ideas while serving as a liaison between the student body and its administration in order to solve problems, implement initiatives, and enhance the academic experience for all Wayne State University students.

The Senate is the primary representative institution of the student body and exercises its authority in the students' name and for the students' welfare.





Project Groups

- Consist of main initiatives for the year
- Standing project groups are identified in our by-laws:
 - Student Services, Community Affairs, Governmental Affairs, Events Committee
- Special project groups vary by year:
 - Financial Needs, Graduate Student Success, Black Student Success, Public Health
- We are also currently focusing on Social Justice across all project groups
- <https://studentsenate.wayne.edu/initiatives>



Resolutions

A Resolution Supporting the Designation of Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day as Official University Observances

- Juneteenth Celebration Day: June 19
- Indigenous People's Day: second Monday of October
- Educational Programming that creates safe spaces for listening, learning, and reflection
- Labeled as days of University Observances on University calendars without class cancellation



Resolutions

A Resolution Allocating Funding for Motivote, a Voter Engagement Platform

- A centralized platform that provides voter education
- Students can enroll in different Wayne State University Teams
- Earn points for completing 'bite-sized' actions that help them get ready to vote
- Redeem the points for rewards
- Launching first week of October



Resolutions

A Resolution Allocating Funding for Blue Light Blocking Glasses Pilot Program

- Virtual Semester
 - Increased screen time
- These glasses may help reduce eye fatigue
- 1000 pairs of glasses given as prizes on Motivote



New Initiatives

- Mental Health First Aid Class
- Social Justice First Year Seminar
- Noise Cancelling Headphones Pilot Program



Questions?

