Executive Director’s Note: After spending a year on the backburner, we’re bringing this platform back. It is important to understand that this bill faces limited but formidable opposition by one of the most powerful lawmakers in the higher education arena. This creates a difficult strategic landscape. However, previous efforts and shortcomings provide some insight into how we can continue pushing an issue that has been central to the ASUM platform for decades.

Legislation

- Changes statute from having 9 voting curators and 1 non-voting student representative to having 9 voting curators, one of which is a student.
- This student, in accordance with existing statute, may be from any congressional district, so long as no greater than 2 members of the board are from the same district. (note: 4 congressional districts, one for each UM campus, are represented on the Board. As such, 2 board members represent each, with one district always having slight overrepresentation.)
- All other remaining policies would remain the same: The student representative serves a two-year term, which rotates between the four UM campuses; must be a resident of Missouri; and may be a full-time graduate, professional, or undergraduate student.
- The first voting Student Representative would be appointed in January 2020.