



## Associated Students of the UNIVERSITY of MISSOURI

# Universities across 29 states allow a student (or more than one) vote on their Board of Curators equivalent.

- 1984: Student Representative to the UM Board of Curators position created
- 1999: Student Representative admitted to meetings closed to the public

### Significant Precedent

- While this may seem radical, dozens of universities across 29 states have granted students a vote:
  - Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
  - University of Iowa
  - University of Kentucky
  - Louisiana State University
  - University of Montana
  - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - University of New Mexico
  - University of North Dakota
  - Ohio State University
  - Pennsylvania State University
  - University of South Dakota
  - University of Tennessee
  - University of Texas at Austin
  - University of Utah
  - West Virginia University
  - University of Wisconsin-Madison
  - Rutgers University
  - University of Alaska Fairbanks
  - University of Connecticut
  - & more!

### Why Students Ought to Have a Vote

- Starting since the Great Recession, state and student contributions as a proportion of total university revenue has reversed. Tuition and fees now make up more than two-thirds of university revenue, and state appropriations makes up one-third.
- As the largest source of university revenue, students—like donors and lawmakers—ought to have some way in the way the university is governed.
- Students selected to the position of Student Representative undergo a rigorous selection process: This position is nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Missouri Senate.
- These students are some of Missouri's best and brightest, and are often graduate, professional, or doctoral students. Moreover, these students understand the university in a different and more immediate way than any other curator. This point of view should be seriously considered, and one vote—out of nine—is the way to do that.

