

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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Minutes

Present: Senator Omar Fateh - **Chair**, Senator Aric Putnam - **Vice Chair**, Senator Zach Duckworth - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Doron Clark, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Paul J. Utke

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

Call to order

S.F. 2481: Senator Putnam: Hunger-Free Campus grant program appropriation.

Senator Putnam moved the A-1 amendment, adopted by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.2481:

- Shae Horning, State Government Coordinator, UMN Undergraduate Student Government
- Michelle Trumpy, Director, Nutritious U Food Pantry
- Gabriella Cohan, student, Inver Hills Community College
- Em Hodge, student, Minnesota State University - Mankato

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2481, be laid over.

S.F. 2406: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Office of Higher Education appropriation for emergency grants to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities students.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-2 amendment, adopted by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.2406:

- Paul Shepherd, Associate Vice Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges & Universities
- Shaniqua Robinson, student, Minneapolis College
- Casey Metcalfe, Government Relations Manager, Students United

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2406, be laid over.

S.F. 2516: Senator Putnam: CentraCare residency programs at Rice Memorial Hospital and St. Cloud Hospital appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2516:

- Shailey Prasad
- Mike Blair, Chief Financial Officer, CentraCare

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2516, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant