

Chancellor Malhotra, Chair Cowles and Board of Trustees,

My name is Jerry Jeffries. I am the Statewide MAPE Chair for Minnesota State.

I have worked at Minnesota State University, Mankato for over 23 years in the Information Technology Department supporting all of Minnesota State's Colleges and University Office 365 system.

MAPE represents almost 2,000 professional employees within Minnesota State. We are the information technology staff, councilors, advisors, accountants, grant specialist, safety personal, diversity officers, customized trainers and academic professionals that keep Minnesota State Colleges and Universities operating.

We are in unique times with a pandemic affecting the world we live in. We are very concerned with the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. We would like your support in making sure that employees who can perform their jobs from home are being allowed to. We know that not every job can be performed remotely 100% of the time and in those cases, we are asking that rotating shifts be setup to minimize the amount of employees that are exposed to the public. Together I'm sure we can find a way to keep everyone safe.

MAPE is a very active union at the capital. We support getting our intuitions fully funded at the legislator along with tuition freezes. We do want our intuitions to get fully funded to their appropriate finical needs.

We are looking forward to continuing the work on Equity 2030 in hopes that equality and inclusion become a norm at all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Thank you for your time,

Jerry Jeffries

MAPE Statewide Chair