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SUNYMEU 2022 Post-Event Survey
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Q2 - How satisfied were you with the venue at SUNY Buffalo State?


Q3 - How satisfied were you with the event staff (the people wearing the blue polo
shirts)?


Q4 - How satisfied were you with the Opening Ceremony on Thursday, April 7th?


Q5 - How satisfied were you with the Closing Ceremony on Thursday, April 7th?


Q6 - Did you participate in the visit to Buffalo City Hall to meet city officials and the architecture tour on Wednesday, April 6th?


Q7 - How satisfied were you with the Buffalo City event?


Q8 - Did you go on the trip to Niagara Falls NYS Park on Wednesday, April 6th?


Q9 - How satisfied were you with the Niagara Falls trip?



## Q11 - How satisfied were you with the SUNY Buffalo State campus tour?



Q12 - Did you participate in the Elmwood Village Tour on Thursday, April 7th?


## Q13 - How satisfied were you with the Elmwood Village tour?



Q14 - What skills do you feel you have enhanced from participating in SUNYMEU?


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Q14_6_TEXT - Other

## Other

Rapid Research

Q15 - What did you like most about participating in SUNYMEU? (rank order by dragging and dropping your selection)


# Meeting other students who like to engage on international/European issues 

- The resume building value

Getting out of my comfort zone

- An opportunity to take control of my education
$\square$ Student directed (rather than faculty-led meetings)
Speaking in front of a group
Working on a team
Behind the scenes caucusing
- Not applicable
- Other (please specify)



Q16 - Did your delegation submit an agenda item in the pre-simulation phase?


Q17 - The following questions ask you about your level of interest in the agenda items discussed at SUNYMEU 2022.


| \# | Field |  |  | Minimum |  | Maximum |  | Mean <br> 4.41 | Std Deviation <br> 0.89 |  | Variance <br> 0.79 |  | Count <br> 44 |
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| 2 | Russia \& Ukraine |  |  | 2.00 |  | 5.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Strategic Compass |  |  | 1.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 3.84 |  | 1.04 |  | 1.09 | 44 |
| 4 | European Social Model |  |  | 1.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 3.48 |  | 0.99 |  | 0.98 | 44 |
| 5 | Green Deal |  |  | 1.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 3.66 |  | 1.00 |  | 1.00 | 44 |
| 6 | Energy Independence |  |  | 1.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 3.91 |  | 0.97 |  | 0.95 | 44 |
| 7 | European Health Union |  |  | 1.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 3.20 |  | 1.00 |  | 1.00 | 45 |
| 8 | Four-Day Workweek |  |  | 1.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 3.11 |  | 1.27 |  | 1.61 | 45 |
| \# | Field Not | Not Interestin all |  | Slightly interestin |  |  | Moderate interestin |  |  |  | Extreme interesti | $\begin{aligned} & \text { nely } \\ & \text { ting } \end{aligned}$ | Total |
| 1 | Ukraine Membership in the EU | 2.27\% | 1 | 6.82\% | 3 |  | 0.00\% | 0 | 38.64\% | 17 | 52.27\% | 23 | 44 |
| 2 | Russia \& Ukraine | 0.00\% | 0 | 6.82\% | 3 |  | 6.82\% | 3 | 25.00\% | 11 | 61.36\% | 27 | 44 |
| 3 | Strategic Compass | 2.27\% | 1 | 11.36\% | 5 |  | 15.91\% | 7 | 40.91\% | 18 | 29.55\% | 13 | 44 |
| 4 | European Social Model | 2.27\% | 1 | 11.36\% | 5 |  | 40.91\% | 18 | 27.27\% | 12 | 18.18\% | 8 | 44 |
| 5 | Green Deal | 4.55\% | 2 | 4.55\% | 2 |  | 31.82\% | 14 | 38.64\% | 17 | 20.45\% | 9 | 44 |
| 6 | Energy Independence | 2.27\% | 1 | 4.55\% | 2 |  | 25.00\% | 11 | 36.36\% | 16 | 31.82\% | 14 | 44 |
| 7 | European Health Union | 4.44\% | 2 | 17.78\% | 8 |  | 42.22\% | 19 | 24.44\% | 11 | 11.11\% | 5 | 45 |
| 8 | Four-Day Workweek | 11.11\% | 5 | 24.44\% | 11 |  | 24.44\% | 11 | 22.22\% | 10 | 17.78\% | 8 | 45 |
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Q18 - Over the years the question of conferring awards during SUNYMEU has been
raised. Do you think awards should be given out?


Q19 - Please comment on the following statement: "The process for SUNYMEU awards
was fair."


## Q20 - Students cast their ballots for SUNYMEU awards electronically during the closing

# session of SUNYMEU. Do you have any suggestions regarding the voting process? 

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It may be better if the chairs of each committee determine who receives awards. Since they're neutral figures, they'd be more suited to that role. This would be pretty similar to what Model UN conferences do when they hand out awards.

N/A

Not student run but by faculty, and not done electronically

N/A

No

Better way to find website link. Could not find the link to survey had to have someone send me the link via group chat

I would perhaps recommend formatting the individual awards (i.e.: best negotiator, best networker, etc.) as two drop-down menus (one for country, the other for committee) instead of the "fill-in-the-blank" format it was presented in this time. That way, it can minimize variations, misspellings, etc. during the counting process.

Don't have awards be elected, have the staff and maybe chairs running the sim decide

Only include the name of the represented country not the alter ego

Perhaps use a system that only allows for voting on the delegates in your own committee. With the system used, $75 \%$ of the electorate was from the other committees.

It would be nice to have awards/certificates given to award winners after/during the ceremony
only vote for the council awards in the council you participated in.

I'm not sure how to fix this but it seems students from schools with large delegations won most of their awards, potentially because they voted for each other. That totally makes sense (not blaming them!) but for example the Strategic Compass was the best agenda item but it was written by only one school so I don't think it had a chance.

More Accessible.

Ensuring a method by which votes that aren't cast in a proper way but still show the intention of the caster are counted properly.

From what I saw, it became a popularity award system rather than skill based. I saw some state representatives win some things when I was positive there were many other states that deserved it more. It was just a bit disheartening to see it become a popularity vote at the end of the day and many people were not recognized for skills they've shown during the meetings. I am not sure that a free vote like that is a good system. Maybe next time it is based on an impartial judge rather than students voting for themselves or their friends.

There should be an option to select spefici names pertaining to the different categories.

Utilize a sign in system that would prevent delegations from voting for themselves, thus ensuring a more diverse voting ballot

Nope

Vote with the committee instead of at the closing ceremony.

No it was perfect
more categories per delegation

There should not be awards

Only members from each committee can vote only for delegates from their committees

I think that each delegation should meet as a group to vote with one vote; that way everyone gets information from other people in different councils

## Q21 - Do you have any suggestions for deleting or adding awards? (please try to be

## specific)

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N/A

N/A

N/A

Add Most Effective Delegation and Most Effective Diplomat

No

Comical superlatives (i.e.: funniest delegate, most stubborn delegate, etc.)

Do some negative awards as well, for example most and least accurate
(At least on the Model UN circuit) most of the conferences I've been to have issued Best Delegate, Outstanding delegate for 2nd, and honorable mentions for like 3rd-5th rather than just best delegate per committee. If you wanted to keep it at only best delegate for each committee, I would suggest making the superlative-style awards for each committee.

Maybe best press corps and commissioner

Maybe one that honours a good chair

Maybe adding more fun awards instead of just the serious ones so we can include a wide variety of people who stand out in many different things. Making people feel excluded shouldn't be the aim of this conference.

Best faculty person maybe

Add- Best prepared delegation (and same for each committee)

No

No

No, I think that the existing awards are good !

Q22 - The Rules and Procedures of SUNYMEU hinder diplomatic compromises.


Q23 - Were you aware of the IEUSS Guide to SUNYMEU?


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Q24 - How would you rate the IEUSS Guide to SUNYMEU in helping you prepare for

## SUNYMEU?



Q25 - Do you have any suggestions for the next edition of the IEUSS Guide to

## SUNYMEU that might help students prepare for SUNYMEU?

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No

Explain some of the activities students might do and provide a cheat sheet with rules and procedures for delegates to follow

Provide it to students earlier, to allow for longer prep time
unsure

N/A

No

Maybe provide a cheat sheet that is condensed down for quicker consumption

Q26 - Did you visit the SUNYMEU 2022 website?


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Q27 - How would you rate the SUNYMEU 2022 website in informing you about

## SUNYMEU?



Q28 - Which of the following did you visit for information about SUNYMEU?


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## Q29 - Which of the following best describes how you prepared for SUNYMEU?



Q29_4_TEXT - Other (please specifiy)

Other (please specifiy)

My delegation prepared on its own outside of school before the conference began.

My team was fairly uncoordinated study-wise, so I mostly did independent research without a prof.

Other (please specifiy)
self study; some help from a professor

I wanted to be on something bigger than me.

Somewhat knowledge in European Politics

Independent research for information; student club for procedure

By internet research (to learn about the position of my represented country concerning the agenda items) for I had no classes/club etc to be prepared for the MEU.

As High Representative, I did most of the research on my own. I did meet with the rest of the leadership--including the French Presidency--via Zoom.

The Canadian "delegation" prepared together
independently
professor recruitment

For fun


Q31 - Did you attend or view any briefings about SUNYMEU (via Zoom)?


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Q32 - How would you describe the Zoom briefings in helping you understand how to
prepare for SUNYMEU?


# Q33 - What did you like most about SUNYMEU? 

What did you like most about SUNYMEU?

I enjoyed meeting people from across New York and from around the world, building connections with others interested in European politics, and learning more about how the European Union functions.

I appreciated the time to get to know other students from other universities. It was student-led which was great

Being involved in a great team in my specific conference. Everyone in there became friends and enjoyed the time together. I liked the food that was given out

The chance to act like a diplomat and explore this field of work. Connecting with other IR minded students acting as diplomats helped me to learn about the challenges in diplomacy and better understand the EU decision making process. Tailor your event to focus on this matter

Meeting new people and working outside of my comfort zone.

## Debating

The concept of a MEU simulation put into practice

The debating part.

Meeting other students and learning how diplomacy works

Student led

Networking

I very much enjoyed the "not-quite-formal" nature of debate. This is not to say there was a lack of procedure, but instead a more casual nature as to how it was implemented.

Doing the simulation and meeting the other students

That people come together who really are interested and motivated and try to make the MEU work.

Getting to meet with students, not only from different regions of New York State, but also the United States and across the world. In meeting and conversing with them, I felt I had a better understanding of their own personal and professional interests, whether it lie within the military, history, political science, or other fields within academia as well as those without. Being in a leadership role, I felt that this experience, aside from being a great resume builder, allowed me to strengthen my public speaking abilities, as well as my "crisis" management during times of disagreement within country delegations. The philosophy that I took, and believe that worked best, was that of a soft-power observer. Rather than controlling every aspect of the debate, I allowed the member states to speak to one another almost completely unburdened, so that they may come to a better and more equal understanding.

The requirement of unanimity made for a much better environment than many of the majority based Model UN conferences l've been to. Many of those conferences can be dominated by just a few individuals that can steamroll the rest of the committee. While of course some members at SUNYMEU became more influential than others, the needs of all delegates still needed to be addressed before the agenda could continue and I found that much more fun. I think I saw more proper compromising and deal making at this one conference than the rest of my 8 years in Model UN combined.

The opportunity to network

How engaged all the students were. This is in part due to, I think, the structure which forces students to run the conference themselves. It never felt like the professors/staffers were running it even though they did all of the hard, not-so-fun work behind the scenes!
topics, inperson discussion, organization

The atmosphere, the meetings, the campus, the very detailed agenda, the contributions other participants made, the points people were making, the views on how to approach a topic, the teamwork

The opportunity to meet people and talk about politics
learning

The ability to have strong debates, engaging with other students from other schools

Being able to meet new people

The other participants

Getting to meet new people and discuss important issues that effect us. I also like the pre simulation Niagara Falls trip.

Networking and negotiation

Meeting new people and getting to engage with European politics in a hands-on way.

Meet new people and discuss with them! + learning new informations through discussions

Meeting new people.

The people and the community made this such a wonderful experience

In person conference

The people

## Q34 - What did you like least about SUNYMEU?

What did you like least about SUNYMEU?

It was hard to reach staff for any questions. For example, the parking issue.

The rooms that the conference was in weren't great. And the bathrooms of the building, even worse Less time for panelists and more time to the conferences/negotiations

The press woman was very rude and obnoxious. It was constantly awkward during the "press conference" and my delegation was uncomfortable. Everyone agreed the end ceremony ended abruptly. It would be better to have people vote for the awards in the morning and then have them given on stage at the end.

Consensus and the Libyan civil war

Needs to be more organized.

Food

The dinner on the first night

Non

Lack of communication between the groups (i.e. HOG, Coroper II, Eco, FA). No way to see how the European Council voted.

Press corp
n/a

This isn't really a "dislike"... more of a critique. Also, there is a chance that this might only apply to the committee I participated in (Council of Europe). It seemed as if there were too many topics on the agenda to effectively cover all of them in a timely manner. Personally, I would recommend either shortening the length of the docket itself or extending the conference altogether (not by much; no more than 6 hours).

When people don't play their country accurately, everyone has a worse experience

The time set for the discussions about the agenda items as there were too many items to properly discuss them and also talk about the items from the other committees.

I wish there was more time. I did like the opening ceremony where those representing the European Union's leadership, either through the Republic of France, or via EU Commission and High Representative, could meet those within their Councils, I feel there needed to be more time for proper discussion and debate on the agenda points. A third day of debate would have, I believe, made the debates and discussions mature better, without the constant worry of constrained time limits.

While I appreciated the chair of the European Council's dedication to calling on those wishing to speak in the order of the presidency per caucus and how that made it easy to make sure everyone who wished to speak could speak, he had this order reset to France, Spain, Czechia, etc. for every caucus. So once we entered the crunch time final few hours of the conference, I can probably count the number of times that the back row spoke in those last 2 hours on one hand despite many of us always having our placards up the whole time because people kept motioning to a binding vote on the topic before the order got to the back row.

Sometimes it felt disorganized; would have appreciated detailed itinerary well in advance

Sometimes the ceremonies could drag on with a few too many speakers.
na

The fact that we had to move rooms and that we couldn't move the tables into a square formation

The fact that I got covid as soon as I went back to Canada for the first time since the pandemic started. There should've been social distancing measures in place and mask wearing.
the hotel

N/A

The food

Finding parking and buildings on campus

The days were a little long but other than that it was great.

Panels

I liked everything about SUNYMEU!

I have many qualms with the procedures in the ECOFIN committee. With a defective chair pursuing his own agenda it was difficult to navigate. An amendment that several countries proposed was neglected as he ruled the introduction of it was dilatory. But overall the most frustrating part was when we approached the alternate agenda and the room became violent and disruptive at the thought of my country disagreeing. I was legitimately forced into submission by the frightening mob of people screaming at me. Only two others in the room stood by me at that moment and even they gave up to the pressure. Once more, the chair did nothing as I was getting yelled at.

I would prefer documents to be more easily found and information given in the body text of an email rather than an attachment document

Many missing delegates made the process of passing agendas less interesting as there were key states that were not present

I wish we had more actual conference time like an extra day

Q35 - Which of the following have you participated in prior to SUNYMEU 2022? (please check all that apply)


Q36 - In which of the following functional groups did your alter ego meet?


## Q37 - If given the opportunity, would you participate in SUNYMEU again?



Q38 - How likely are you to recommend SUNYMEU to a friend or colleague?



## Q39 - Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

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I thoroughly enjoyed SUNYMEU and can't wait to attend next year's conference!

Nothing, thank you for organizing and bringing the multiple colleges together

No thank you

I had fun. That's all I will say...

All I have left to say is that this conference truly was a joy to participate in. Doctors Buonanno, Ceesay, and Rabb, along with the staff at-large, truly put together one of the most enjoyable and memorable conferences I've had the privilege to participate in. I really do hope, despite my graduating beforehand, that I am able to attend the 2023 edition.

Don't do it in buffalo, do the sim in NYC or a more central school

To provide dinner at every evening for not all participants can have dinner in the few proposed locations at once.

Instagram is a much better venue for sharing information than Facebook. All (and I mean all) of the students are on Instagram and almost none are on Facebook. Instagram is harder to share links, but there are ways around that (by including them in the page's bio for example). This would give the conference more of an online presence and build the excitement even more before the conference!

Do keep up the good work, was an honour to attend and I hope to participate next time in NYC

Please find better hotel recommendations next time, our hotel didn't even have breakfast and it wasn't even walking distance to the university. Also the food at the banquets was really awful. I also suggest increasing the meetings by one more day where students do something fun together after the meetings .
thanks

No

I would have preferred if we had our real names and schools on our name tags because it made it difficult learn eachothers names. I also think it would be good to have an unstructured event for participants like a dance or mixer to get to know everyone outside of the conference.

Thank you so much for everything, the event was amazing! I hope to participate in the next SUNYMEU event in New York!

I would prefer to simulate the European Parliament as I think that would also be a highly educational experience

## End of Report

