

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2010

Agenda Item: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics First Reading

- Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring
- Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:

Amendments to Board Policy require approval of the Board.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Mike López, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The proposed amendment to the Intercollegiate Athletics policy clarifies that Board approval following a recommendation by the Chancellor is required for a state college or university to add a sport at the Division 1 level. The amendment also addresses a requirement that student athletes have adequate health insurance.

Background Information:

Development of the proposed policy amendment followed standard policy revision processes. This is a first reading.

First Reading

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BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 2.6 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The Office of the Chancellor is submitting a proposed amendment to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics.

BACKGROUND

A scheduled five year review was conducted by staff from the Academic and Student Affairs Division with assistance from the Office of General Counsel. The amendment clarifies the intention of Part 1 and adds language requiring students participating in intercollegiate athletics to maintain appropriate health insurance. In addition to the usual consultation process, the proposed amendment was reviewed by representatives of intercollegiate athletic conferences.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred as follows:

- Reviewed by the Academic and Student Affairs Policy Council- 9/17/09, 11/20/09
- Reviewed by the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Executive Committee- Spring, 2009
- Reviewed by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Commissioner- Fall, 2009
- Mailed out for review and comment- 9/29/09
- Reviewed at MSCF meet and confer- 9/24/09
- Reviewed at IFO meet and confer- 12/11/09
- Reviewed at Leadership Council- 1/5/10

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

RECOMMENDED MOTION

The Board of Trustees approves the proposed amendment to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics.

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1 **Part 1. Conference and Division Membership.** Consistent with the unique identity and
 2 mission of the institution, a college or university may engage in programs of intercollegiate
 3 athletics. ~~and may join one or more conferences and operate according to the rules and standards~~
 4 ~~of the conference as long as such rules are not in conflict with federal or state law, system board~~
 5 ~~policies, or system procedures.~~ A college or university may join one or more conferences and
 6 add or remove sports after a review of the impact on students and finances and the institution’s
 7 facilities master plan, Title IX compliance and completion of the student and college/university
 8 consultation process. The college or university shall operate according to the rules and standards
 9 of the conference as long as such rules are not in conflict with federal or state law, system board
 10 policies, or system procedure. ~~Any change proposed by a college or university in division level~~
 11 ~~membership for any sport~~ Adding any sport at the National Collegiate Athletic Association or the
 12 National Junior College Athletic Association division one level requires a recommendation from
 13 the chancellor and prior approval by the board. A request for board approval of participation in a
 14 division one level sport shall be directed to the chancellor or designee and shall include analysis
 15 and review of the expected impact on students, institutional and student services finances, the
 16 institution’s mission and facilities master plan, compliance with equal opportunity requirements,
 17 and a report of the student consultation process used.

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 19 **Part 2. Gender Equity in Athletics.** The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are
 20 committed to providing equal opportunity in athletics for male and female students. Each
 21 college or university with intercollegiate athletics must provide athletic opportunities for male
 22 and female students in accordance with federal and state requirements.

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 24 **Part 3. Student Athlete Health Insurance.** Students participating in intercollegiate athletics
 25 are required to maintain health insurance through a plan or rider that includes coverage for
 26 participation in intercollegiate athletics. Prior to student participation in intercollegiate athletics,
 27 colleges and universities must provide adequate written notice to students of the requirement for
 28 health insurance.

Date of Adoption

*Date of Implementation: 7/01/95
Date of Adoption: 5/16/95*

Date & Subject of Revisions:

12/17/03: Deleted Part 1. Definitions, Subparts A and B; clarified conference and division membership by colleges and universities (Part 2) and renumbered to Part 1; amended language in Part 3. and renumbered to Part 2.; deleted Part 4.

xx/xx/xx: Amended Part I to clarify board approval of participation in a division one level sport; added new part 3 requiring health insurance coverage.

POLICY CONTENT FORMAT:

Single underlining represents proposed new language.

~~Strikeouts~~ represent existing language proposed to be eliminated.

Words not underlined represent existing language that is proposed to remain in procedure.