

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

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Academic and Student Affairs

**Date of Meeting:** March 17, 2010

**Agenda Item:** Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics (Second Reading)

Proposed  
Policy Change

Approvals  
Required by  
Policy

Other  
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

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

Proposed amendments to Board policy require approval of the Board (second reading).

**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 followed standard policy revision processes. This is a second reading.

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**BOARD ACTION**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 2.6 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 The Office of the Chancellor is submitting a proposed amendment to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate  
3 Athletics. The amendment clarifies the intention of Part 1 and adds language requiring  
4 intercollegiate athletes to maintain appropriate health insurance. A scheduled five year review  
5 was conducted by staff from the Academic and Student Affairs Division and the Office of  
6 General Counsel.

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8 **CONSULTATION**

9 Consultation has occurred as follows:

- 10 • Reviewed twice at the external policy council;  
11 • Reviewed by the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Executive Committee;  
12 • Reviewed by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Commissioner  
13 • Sent to all interested constituents on the listserv plus all college and university athletic  
14 directors;  
15 • Reviewed at Minnesota State College Faculty (MSCF) meet and confer;  
16 • Reviewed at Inter Faculty Organization (IFO) meet and confer; and  
17 • Reviewed by Academic and Student Affairs Committee of Leadership Council.

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19 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

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

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23 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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

*Date Presented to the Board: March 17, 2010*

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<b>BOARD POLICY</b>		<b>2.6</b>
Chapter 2.	Students	
Section 6.	Intercollegiate Athletics	

**2.6 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS.**

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

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

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

*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.