

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

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Name:** Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**Date:** April 22, 2015

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Policy 2.6 – Intercollegiate Athletics (First Reading)

**Purpose (check one):**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed<br>New Policy or<br>Amendment to<br>Existing Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals<br>Required by<br>Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Approvals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /<br>Compliance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Information                        |   |

**Brief Description:**

Board Policy 1A.1, Part 6, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration, requires periodic review of all board policies. Staff reviewed Policy 2.6 as part of the five year review cycle in 2015. The proposed amendment replaces outdated gender language with language that reflects the inclusive environment at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

The proposed revision was reviewed by the Office of General Counsel, cabinet, then sent out for formal consultation and received support from the presidents, employee representative groups, student associations and campus leadership groups. All comments received from the consultation were taken into consideration.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Toyia Younger, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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<b>BOARD POLICY</b>
Chapter: 2 Students
Section: 2 Intercollegiate Athletics

**Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics**

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

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16 **Part 2. Gender Equity in Athletics.** The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are  
17 committed to providing equal opportunity in athletics for ~~male and female~~ students of all gender  
18 identities and gender expressions. Each college or university with intercollegiate athletics must  
19 provide athletic opportunities for students ~~male and female students~~ in accordance with federal  
20 and state requirements.

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

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28 **Related Documents:**

- 29 • [Minnesota Statutes §13.392](#), Subdivisions 1 and 2
- 30 • ~~Minnesota Government Data Practices Act~~

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32 **Policy History:**

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34 *Date of Adoption: 5/16/95,*

35 *Date of Implementation: 7/01/95,*

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1 ***Date & Subject of Revisions:***  
2 *4/22/15 – Editorial changes and revised language in Part 2 to encompass all gender identities*  
3 *and expressions of students.*  
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5 *03/17/10 - Amends ~~p~~Part 1 clarifying that Board approval is required in order to add a sport at*  
6 *the Division 1 level. Amends Part 3 to require student athletes to have adequate health*  
7 *insurance.*  
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9 *12/17/03 - Deleted Part 1. Definitions, Subparts A and B; clarified conference and division*  
10 *membership by colleges and universities (Part 2) and renumbered to Part 1; amended language*  
11 *in Part 3 and renumbered to Part 2; deleted Part 4.*  
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13 *There is no additional HISTORY for policy 2.6.*  
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***POLICY CONTENT FORMAT:***

*Single underlining represents proposed new language.*

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