

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Name: Policy 2.6

Date: May 19, 2015

Title: Proposed Amendment to Policy 2.6 – Inter-collegiate Athletics (Second Reading)

Purpose (check one):

Proposed
New Policy or
Amendment to
Existing Policy

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring /
Compliance

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 in 2015 as part of the normal five year review cycle. The proposed amendment updates the student 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):

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BOARD ACTION

POLICY 2.6 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (SECOND READING)

1 BACKGROUND

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3 Board Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics was adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 16,
4 1995 and implemented on July 1, 1995. The policy was last reviewed in 2010 and amended to
5 clarify that Board approval was required to add a sport at the Division I level and that all student
6 athletes were required to have adequate health insurance. Board Policy 1A.1, Part 6, Minnesota
7 State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration, requires periodic review of all
8 board policies. Policy 2.6 was reviewed in 2015 as part of the normal five year review cycle.

9 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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12 The proposed amendments to Policy 2.6 are identified by strikethrough and underlining in the
13 policy on the following page. The revision in Part 2 replaces the gender terms “male” and
14 “female” with the phrase “of all gender identities and gender expressions”. The new language
15 more accurately reflects the inclusive environment at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

16 REVIEW PROCESS

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19 The proposed revision to Board Policy 2.6 was circulated to all presidents, employee
20 representative groups, student associations, and campus leadership groups. The policy review
21 was discussed with the Leadership Council. All comments received during the review process
22 have been examined and responses sent to the commentators.

23 RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION

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26 The Board of Trustees approves the changes to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics.

27 RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION

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30 The Board of Trustees approves the changes to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics.

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32 *Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: April 22, 2015*

33 *Date of Implementation: April 22, 2015*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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SECOND READING**

BOARD POLICY	2.6
Chapter 2. Students	
Section 2. Proposed Amendment to Policy 2.6 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. 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, board policies, or system procedure. 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 ~~h~~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 of all gender identities and gender expressions. Each college or university with intercollegiate athletics must provide athletic opportunities for students ~~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.

Related Documents:

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

Policy History:

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

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4 ***Date & Subject of Revisions:***
5 *4/22/15 – Editorial changes and revised language in Part 2 to encompass all gender identities*
6 *and expressions of students.*

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8 *03/17/10 - Amends Part 1 clarifying that Board approval is required in order to add a sport at*
9 *the Division 1 level. Amends Part 3 to require student athletes to have adequate health*
10 *insurance.*

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

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16 *There is no additional HISTORY for policy 2.6.*

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Single underlining represents proposed new language.
~~*Strikeouts*~~ *represent existing language proposed to be eliminated.*