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### Board Policy 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, finances, the 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 procedures. 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 must be directed to the chancellor or designee and include analysis and review of the expected impact on students, institutional and student services finances, the college's or university'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 students of all gender identities and gender expressions. Each college or university with intercollegiate athletics shall provide athletic opportunities for 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 shall provide adequate written notice to students of the requirement for health insurance.

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