

Chapter 3 – Educational Policies

Board Policy 3.24 College or University Type and Mission, and System Mission

Part 1. Purpose

To establish conditions and processes for the review of college and university type and mission, and system mission in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 136F.05 Missions.

Part 2. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy and related procedure.

Mission

The distinct purpose of the college, university, or system.

Vision

The aspirations of the college, university, or system.

College or university

Technical colleges, community colleges, consolidated community and technical colleges, and state universities, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 135A.052, Sub. 1.

Part 3. Change in College or University Type

A request for a change in college or university type is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, following a first and second reading in accordance with Board Policy 1A.1 Part 6, Subpart A. The chancellor shall promulgate procedures to guide the board's review of a change in college or university type.

Part 4. Approval of College or University Mission Statement

A college or university mission statement requires board approval. The chancellor has authority to approve minor revisions to an approved mission statement. The mission of a college or university must support achievement of the system mission and provide a foundation for evaluation, accountability, and regional accreditation. Each college or university, with consultation from students, faculty, staff, and members of the local civic, nonprofit, and business communities, must be given considerable latitude to express its mission.

Part 5. Review and Approval of the System Mission and Vision

The Board of Trustees shall periodically review, revise as appropriate, and approve the system mission and vision. The mission and vision must advance the higher education needs of the state. The board shall assure there is consultation with students, faculty, staff, and essential members of the state.

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Additional HISTORY.