

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

Name: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Date: March 19, 2014

Title: Proposed Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status (Second Reading)

Purpose (check one):

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

Brief Description:

The proposed new policy establishes a requirement that state universities establish local policies to recognize veteran status as a positive factor in the admission decisions made by graduate and professional programs. The policy also requires that universities maintain records on the number of veterans who apply and the number accepted to graduate and professional programs so that this information may be reported to the legislature.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Mike López, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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BOARD ACTION ITEM
PROPOSED POLICY 3.40 RECOGNITION OF VETERAN STATUS (SECOND READING)

BACKGROUND

Legislation passed during the 2013 session requires that an applicant's veteran status be recognized as a positive factor in making admission decisions for graduate and professional degree programs at MnSCU state universities. The proposed new policy meets the requirements of the legislation by requiring that the state universities develop policies recognizing veteran status as a positive factor in admissions decisions made by individual graduate and professional programs. In addition the proposed new policy requires that state universities maintain appropriate records so that the number of veterans who apply for admission and the number accepted may be reported to the legislature.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

The Board of Trustees approves the new Board Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

The Board of Trustees approves the new Board Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status.

Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: March 19, 2014

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BOARD POLICY
Chapter #3 Educational Policies
Section #40 Recognition of Veteran Status

1 **3.40 RECOGNITION OF VETERAN STATUS**

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3 **Part 1. Purpose.** This policy establishes veteran status as a factor to be recognized in evaluating
4 applicants for admission to graduate and professional programs, in accordance with Minnesota
5 Statutes 197.775.

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7 **Part 2. Definitions.**

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9 **Subpart A. Graduate or Professional Programs.** Graduate or professional programs
10 means post-baccalaureate educational programs leading to master's, specialist, or doctoral
11 degrees offered by Minnesota state universities.

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13 **Subpart B. Veteran.** Veteran means a person who is currently serving or has ever served in
14 the United State armed forces and has been discharged under honorable conditions.

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16 **Part 3. Policy.** Each Minnesota state university shall adopt a policy recognizing, for applicants
17 who are veterans, an applicant's veteran status as a positive factor in determining whether to
18 grant admission to a graduate or professional academic degree program.

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20 **Part 4. Report.** By January 15 of every year, each Minnesota state university shall submit a
21 report to the system office on the number of veterans who applied for a graduate or professional
22 academic degree program and the number accepted during the previous fiscal year.