

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

Second Reading

BOARD ACTION

**Proposed Repeal of Carry Forward Technical College
Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee**

INTRODUCTION

The Carry Forward Technical College Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee is proposed for repeal.

BACKGROUND

Carry Forward TC Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee (attached) entitled a program graduate, who had been judged by his/her employer to be lacking in technical job skills, to 12 quarter credits of tuition-free instruction for retraining to acquire the specific skills in which the graduate was judged to be deficient. This policy was developed in the early nineties when many postsecondary institutions throughout the United States were offering guarantees to students for the dual purposes of marketing and quality assurance. Technical colleges' experiences with implementing the guarantee reflected minimal usage by dissatisfied employers. This policy has not been a necessary marketing or quality assurance strategy at either the institution or system level. The system has several policies and practices in place to assure that appropriate program content is delivered including system level program approval, college program review, and industry advisory committees.

CONSULTATION

Consultation on this proposed policy amendment has occurred as follows:

- Review and comment requested on the proposed policy amendment from faculty, students, administrators, staff, statewide student associations, statewide faculty associations and other employee association groups through a system-wide constituent mailing – 11/18/04; 3/1/05.
- Reviewed with the Academic and Student Affairs Policy Council – 11/22/04; 1/13/05; 2/17/05.
- Reviewed at MSCF Meet and Confer – 12/6/04; 2/2/05.
- Reviewed at IFO Meet and Confer – 2/18/05.
- Reviewed with Leadership Council – 2/1/05; 3/1/05.
- Reviewed at MSUAASF Meet and Confer – 4/1/05.

FORMAL APPROVAL PROCESS

The proposed repeal of Carry Forward TC Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee is submitted for a second reading to the Board of Trustees at the April 19-20, 2005 meeting.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION

The Educational Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopts the following motion:

RECOMMENDED MOTION

The Board of Trustees approves the repeal of Carry Forward Technical College Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee.

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2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee

Effective July 1, 1994, each technical college shall have a technical education guarantee for new Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree, Diploma, or Certificate program enrollees.

The technical education guarantee shall be operated in accordance with uniform standards established by the Chancellor.

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Cross Reference:

Statute Reference: 136C.04