Chapter 2 – Students

Board Policy 2.8 Student Life

Part 1. Purpose
To provide student life programming resulting in a wide range of student activities that contribute to the educational, cultural, or physical well-being of the student body.

Part 2. Student Life/Activity Program
Colleges and universities shall establish a student life/activity program. The revenue generated by the student life/activity fee authorized by Board Policy 5.11 Tuition and Fees and by System Procedure 5.11.1 Tuition and Fees must be used to fund student activities as defined in Minn. Stat. § 136F.01, Subd. 5. The student life/activity program must be administered in accordance with board policies and system procedures and consistent with Minn. Stat. §136F.72, Subd. 3.

Part 3. Student Life Committee

Subpart A. Establishment and membership
Each college and university shall have one or more student life/activity committees, as appropriate. The campus student association(s) may serve in this capacity. The campus student association(s) shall appoint the student members of the student life/activity committee(s). The campus student association shall establish the membership structure of the student life/activity committee, and at least two-thirds of the membership must be students.

After consulting with the college or university president or designee, the campus student association(s) may review and amend the membership structure of the student life/activity committee to take effect in the next academic year.

Subpart B. Committee responsibility
The committee(s) shall annually recommend to the campus student association(s) the amount of the fee in the ensuing fiscal year, the allocation of revenues, policies and procedures for oversight of the student life/activities budget, and expenditures consistent with college or university policies and procedures, Board Policy 5.11 Tuition and Fees, System Procedures 5.11.1 Tuition and Fees and 2.8.1 Student Life.

Subpart C. Campus student association
On each campus, the student life/activity fee must fund the campus student association as defined in Board Policy 2.1 Campus Student Associations.
Subpart D. Authority for expenditures
The president of the college or university shall approve, reject, or modify the student life/activity fee and/or budget and authorize the collection and expenditure of such fees. In alignment with System Procedure 2.3.1 Student Involvement in Decision-Making, the college or university shall consult with the campus student association(s) regarding any modification to their budget and expenditure recommendation prior to implementation. Student life/activity fund balances must carry-over into the next fiscal year.

Subpart E. Budget reserves
Budget reserves may be established for the student life/activity funds. The status of such reserves must be reported annually to the student life/activity committee and campus student association.

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03/22/23 – Full Review. In Part 3, Subpart D, added a reference to the consultation language in System Procedure 2.3.1 Student Involvement in Decision-Making and used the active voice for the entire section.
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Additional HISTORY.