



MINNESOTA STATE
Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME: Academic and Student Affairs

DATE: January 24, 2024

TITLE: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.40
Recognition of Veteran Status (First Reading)

Action

Review and Discussion

This item is required by policy

PRESENTERS

Satasha Green-Stephen, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

PURPOSE

Board Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration, Part 6. Board Policies and System Procedures requires board review and approval of proposed changes to a board policy and that board policies are reviewed at least once every five years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment consists of (1) adding "Active Service Member Status" to the title and relevant sections to align with Minn. Stat. § 197.775, (2) adding Part 2. Authority to identify the Minnesota statutes that define "veteran", and (3) adding the definition of "active service member". Educational benefits for students who are active service members and/or veterans vary based on their branch of service and other criteria met by the individual student.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION (FIRST READING DRAFT)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed changes made to Policy 3.40.

Date Presented to the ASA Committee: 1/24/24

Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: First reading - no action taken.

Date of Implementation: TBD

PROPOSED CHANGES (FIRST READING DRAFT)

Single underlining represents proposed new language.

Strikeouts represent existing language proposed to be removed.

3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status and Active Service Member Status

Part 1. Purpose

To recognize veteran status and active service member status as a factor in evaluating applicants for admission to graduate and professional programs, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 197.775.

Part 2. Authority

- Minn. Stat. § 190.05 Definitions – This statute defines terms in the Minnesota Military Code (Minn. Stat. Ch. 190 - 193).
- Minn. Stat. § 197.447 Veteran, Defined – This statute defines “Veteran” for use in Minnesota Statutes.
- Minn. Stat. § 197.775 Higher Education Fairness – This statute uses the definition of “Veteran” from Minn. Stat. § 197.447, and also includes “any person serving in active service”, as defined in section 190.05, Subd. 5.

Part 3. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy only, the following definitions apply.

Active service member

A person actively serving in state active service, federally funded state active service, or federal active service.

Graduate or Professional Programs

Post-baccalaureate educational programs leading to graduate certificate, master’s, specialist, or doctoral degrees offered by Minnesota State universities.

Veteran

A person who ~~is currently serving or~~ has served in the United States ~~a~~s ~~A~~Armed ~~f~~Forces and has been ~~separated~~ ~~discharged~~ under honorable conditions.

Part ~~43~~ 43. Policy

Minnesota State universities shall recognize an applicant's veteran status or active service member status as a positive factor in determining whether to grant admission to a graduate or professional academic degree program.

Part ~~54~~ 54. Annual Report

By January 15 of every year, each Minnesota State university shall submit a report to the system office on the number of veterans who applied for admission to a graduate or professional academic degree program and the number accepted during the previous fiscal year.

Related Documents:

- [Board Policy 3.4 Undergraduate Admissions](#)
- [System Procedure 3.4.1 Undergraduate Admissions](#)

To view any of the following related statutes, go to the [Revisor's Office website](#). You can conduct a search from this site by typing in the statute number.

- [Minn. Stat. § 190.05 Definitions](#)
- [Minn. Stat. § 197.447 Veteran, Defined](#)
- Minn. Stat. § 197.775 Higher Education Fairness

Date & Subject of Amendments:

[Xx/xx/23 – Full review. Increased the accuracy of the policy by adding "Active Service Member Status" to the title and relevant parts, adding Part 2. Authority to identify the Minnesota statutes that affect the definition of “veteran”, and added the definition of “active service member”.](#)

05/22/19 – Added “graduate certificate” to the Graduate and Professional Programs definition, and added “Annual” to the Part 4 heading.

No additional history.