



MINNESOTA STATE
Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

DATE: March 19, 2024

TITLE: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.6
Intercollegiate Athletics (First Reading)

Action

Review and Discussion

This item is required by policy

PRESENTERS

Satasha Green-Stephens, 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 board policy changes and that each board policy is reviewed at least once every five years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment consists of reorganizing the current language within the policy, creating an introductory paragraph for Part 1 and a new Part 1, Subp. B, and deleted "Gender" from the title in Part 2.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (FIRST READING DRAFT)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendment to Policy 2.6.

Date Presented to the ASA Committee: 3/19/2024

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.

2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics

Part 1. Intercollegiate Athletics

Consistent with the unique identity and mission of the institution, a college or university may engage in programs of intercollegiate athletics. Each college or university with intercollegiate athletics shall provide athletic opportunities for students in accordance with federal and state requirements.

Subpart A. Conference and Division Membership

~~Consistent with the unique identity and mission of the institution, a college or university may engage in programs of intercollegiate athletics.~~ A college or university may join one or more conferences and add or remove sports after a review of the impact on students, finances, the facilities master plan, Title IX compliance, and completion of the student and college/university consultation process. The college or university shall operate according to the rules and standards of the conference as long as such rules are not in conflict with federal or state law, ~~the~~Board of Trustees policies, or system procedures. ~~Adding any sport at the National Collegiate Athletic Association or the National Junior College Athletic Association division one level requires a recommendation from the chancellor and prior approval by the board.~~

Subpart B. Division I Level Approval Process

Adding any division I sport with the National Collegiate Athletic Association or the National Junior College Athletic Association requires board approval.

A request for board approval ~~of participation to participate~~ in a division-one-level sport must be directed to the chancellor or designee and include analysis and review of the expected impact on students, institutional and student services finances, the college's or university's mission and facilities master plan, compliance with equal opportunity requirements, and a report of the consultation process used. Upon review, the chancellor will determine if a request will be presented to the board for consideration.

Part 2. ~~Gender~~ Equity in Athletics

~~The~~ Minnesota State colleges and universities are committed to providing equal opportunity in athletics for all students. ~~of all gender identities and gender expressions.~~ Each college or university with intercollegiate athletics shall provide athletic opportunities for students in accordance with federal and state requirements.

Part 3. Student Athlete Health Insurance.

Students participating in intercollegiate athletics are required to maintain health insurance through a plan or rider that includes coverage for participation in intercollegiate athletics. Prior

41 to student participation in intercollegiate athletics, colleges and universities shall provide
42 adequate written notice to students of the requirement for health insurance.

Related Documents:

- [Board Policy 2.3](#) Student Involvement in Decision-Making
- [System Procedure 2.3.1](#) Student Involvement in Decision-Making
- [U.S. Department of Education Title IX and Sex Discrimination](#)

To view a related Minnesota statute, go to the Revisor's Web site (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/>). You can conduct a search from this site by typing in the statute number.

- Minn. Stat. § 13.392 Internal Auditing Data
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Policy History:

Date of Adoption: 5/16/95
Date of Implementation: 7/01/95
Date of Last Review: 04/22/20

Date & Subject of Admendments:

Xx/xx/24 – Full review, reorganized current language, created an introductory paragraph for Part 1 and new Part 1, Subpart B, and deleted “Gender” from the title in Part 2 Heading.

04/22/20 – Replaced “institution’s” with “college’s or university’s” in Part 1 and applied new writing and formatting styles.

4/22/15 – Editorial changes and revised language in Part 2 to encompass all gender identities and expressions of students.

03/17/10 - Amends Part 1 clarifying that Board approval is required in order to add a sport at the Division 1 level. Amends Part 3 to require student athletes to have adequate health insurance.

12/17/03 - Deleted Part 1. Definitions, Subparts A and B; clarified conference and division membership by colleges and universities (Part 2) and renumbered to Part 1; amended language in Part 3 and renumbered to Part 2; deleted Part 4.

No additional HISTORY