



MINNESOTA STATE
Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

DATE: January 25, 2023

TITLE: Proposed amendment to Board Policy 2.8 Student Life (First Reading)

Proposed New Policy /
Amendment to Existing Policy

Approvals Required by Policy

Other Approvals

Monitoring/Compliance

Information

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 adds a reference to the consultation process in System Procedure 2.3.1 Student Involvement in Decision-Making to Part 3, Subpart D. Authority for expenditures. Several minor edits were also made to improve the clarity of the language.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION (FIRST READING DRAFT)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendment to Board Policy 2.8 Student Life.

RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION (FIRST READING DRAFT)

The Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendment to Board Policy 2.8 Student Life.

Date Presented to the xxx Committee: 01/25/23

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.

1 **2.8 Student Life**

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3 **Part 1. Purpose**

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

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7 **Part 2. Student Life/Activity Program**

8 Colleges and universities shall establish a student life/activity program. The revenue generated
9 by the student life/activity fee authorized by Board Policy 5.11 Tuition and Fees and by System
10 Procedure 5.11.1 Tuition and Fees must be used to fund student activities as defined in
11 ~~Minn.esota Stat.ute Section~~ § 136F.01, Subd. 5. The student life/activity program must be
12 administered in accordance with board policies and system procedures and consistent with
13 Minn. Stat. §136F.72, Subd. 3.

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15 **Part 3. Student Life Committee**

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17 **Subpart A. Establishment and membership.**

18 Each college and university shall have one or more student life/activity committees, as
19 appropriate. The campus student association(s) may serve in this capacity. The campus
20 student association(s) shall appoint the student members of the student life/activity
21 committee(s). The campus student association shall establish the membership structure of
22 the student life/activity committee, and at least two-thirds of the membership must be
23 ~~made up of~~ students.

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

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29 **Subpart B. Committee responsibility**

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

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36 **Subpart C. Campus student association**

37 On each campus, the student life/activity fee must fund the campus student association as
38 defined in Board Policy 2.1 Campus Student Associations.

39 **Subpart D. Authority for expenditures**
40 The president of the college or university shall approve, reject, or modify the student
41 life/activity fee and/or budget and authorize the collection and expenditure of such fees. [In](#)
42 [alignment with System Procedure 2.3.1 Student Involvement in Decision-Making](#), ~~the~~
43 [college or university shall consult with the](#) campus student association(s) ~~must be consulted~~
44 ~~on~~[regarding](#) any modification to their budget and expenditure recommendation prior to
45 implementation. Student life/activity fund balances must carry-over into the next fiscal
46 year.

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

Related Documents

- [Board Policy 2.1](#) Campus Student Associations
- [Board Policy 5.11](#) Tuition and Fees
- [System Procedure 2.3.1 System Procedure 2.3.1 Student Involvement in Decision-Making](#)
- [System Procedure 2.8.1](#) Student Life
- [System Procedure 5.11.1](#) Tuition and Fees

To view the following related statutes, go to the Revisor's Web site (www.revisor.mn.gov). You can conduct a search from this site by typing in the statute number.

- Minn. Stat. § 135A.0434 Mandatory Student Activity Fees Referendum
- Minn. Stat. § 136F.01 Definitions, Subd. 5 Student activities

Policy History

Date of Adoption: 7/18/95
Date of Implementation: 7/18/95
Date of Last Review: 05/16/18

Date and Subject of Amendment:

XX/XX/23 – In Part 3, Subpart D, added a reference to the consultation process in System Procedure 2.3.1 Student Involvement in Decision-Making and wrote that section in the active voice. Minor edits were made regarding grammar and writing style.

05/16/18 – Updated the policy language, relocated the viewpoint neutral language to the corresponding System Procedure 2.8 Student Life, and applied the new formatting and writing styles.

6/16/04 - added a new Part 1 Student Life/Activity Program; deleted definitions; amended Part 2, Subpart A and Subpart B; Deleted Subpart C Budget Preparations; former Subpart D became the new Subpart C; Added a new Subpart D and Subpart E; Deleted Part 3.

Additional [HISTORY](#)