Committee: Academic and Student Affairs        Date of Meeting: April 20, 2011

Agenda Item: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.28 Charter School Sponsorship

X Proposed Policy Change
☐ Approvals Required by Policy
☐ Other Approvals
☐ Monitoring

☐ Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:
This is an amendment to Board Policy, requiring action by the Board

Scheduled Presenter(s):
Mike López

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:
The policy is being amended to comply with legislative changes to Minnesota Statutes Section 124.10.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

**BOARD ACTION ITEM**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
BOARD POLICY 3.28 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

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**BACKGROUND**

The language changes being proposed to Board Policy 3.28 are intended to bring the policy into compliance with changes made during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions to Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10.

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation for the policy was undertaken as follows:

- Reviewed by Academic & Student Affairs Policy Council – January 28, 2011
- Reviewed at Academic and Student Affairs Leadership Council – March 1, April 5, 2011
- Mailed out for review and comment – February 4, 2011
- Reviewed at MSCF Meet and Confer – February 24, 2011
- Reviewed at IFO Meet and Confer- February 11, 2011
- Reviewed at MSUAASF Meet and Confer- February 18, 2011

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

The Board of Trustees approves the amendments to Policy 3.28 Charter School Sponsorship.
3.28 Charter School Authorizers Sponsorship


Subpart A. Charter school. A charter school is a public school established under Minnesota State Statutes section 124D.10 as either a cooperative or a non-profit corporation. Charter schools and their sponsors are subject to the requirements in Minnesota State Statutes section 124D.10.

Subpart B. Authorizers. For purposes of this procedure, authorizer means a system college or university, authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10, subdivision 3, and Board Policy 3.28, and System Procedure 3.28.1 to serve as an authorizer of a charter school and approved as an authorizer by the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

To support, improve, and enhance elementary and secondary education in Minnesota, a MnSCU system college or university may serve as a charter school authorizer consistent with its mission, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities policy and procedure, and Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. Sponsoring Authorizing institutions shall comply with all statutory sponsorship requirements for authorizers and shall adhere to sponsorship standards established for authorizers by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Children, Families, and Learning (MDCTF).

The Chancellor shall report to the Board annually on the status of charter schools authorized sponsorships by MnSCU system colleges and universities, including terminations and nonrenewals in the prior year.

Part 4. Termination or Nonrenewal of Sponsorship Charter School Contract.
A college or university may terminate or not renew a charter school contract in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. For purposes of terminating or non-renewing a charter school contract, for good cause. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, a determination by the college or university that it is unable to continue acting as authorizer sponsor because of administrative, programmatic, or financial considerations of the college or university, or because of continued failure or inability of the charter school to meet pupil performance requirements specified in the contract, failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or violations of law.

Date of Implementation:
Date of Adoption:
Date and Subject of Revision: