3.24 Institution Type and Mission, and System Mission

Part 1. Purpose. This policy establishes conditions and processes for the review of system and college and university missions, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 136F.05 Missions.

Part 2. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this policy and related procedure.

Subpart A. Mission: Mission means the distinct purpose of the college or university, the constituents served and the expected outcomes, values and goals, and aspects such as institution culture, decision making processes, and the principles and behaviors to reach aspirational outcomes.

Subpart B. Vision: Vision means the aspirations of the college or university, the primary products or services, the distinctive or unique attributes of the college or university, and assumptions about the college and university and its environment in the future that is consistent with the institution type.

Subpart C. Institution Type: Institution type means technical colleges, community colleges, consolidated community technical colleges, and state universities, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 135A.052, Subdivision 1.

Part 3. Change in Institution Type. A request by a college or university for a change in institution type is subject to approval by the Board, following a first and second reading in accordance with Policy 1A.1 Part 6, Subpart A. The chancellor shall promulgate procedures to guide the Board of Trustees’ review of a change in institution type.

Part 4: Approval of College or University Mission Statements. A college or university mission statement requires Board of Trustees approval. The chancellor shall have authority to approve minor revisions to an approved mission statement. A college’s or university’s mission shall support achievement of the system mission and shall provide a foundation for evaluation, accountability, and regional accreditation. The chancellor shall promulgate procedures to guide the Board of Trustees' review and approval of a college or university mission. Each college or university, with consultation from faculty, students, employers and other essential stakeholders, shall be given considerable latitude to express its mission.

Part 5: Review and Approval of the System Mission and Vision. The Board of Trustees shall periodically review, revise as appropriate, and approve the system mission and vision. The mission and vision shall advance the higher education needs of the state. The Board of Trustees shall assure
there is consultation with faculty, students, employers and other essential stakeholders. The chancellor shall promulgate procedures for the development of the system mission and vision.

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05/22/13 - Changed the policy title from System and College and University Missions. Amended policy to remove the five-year mission review requirement for system institutions and the associated report on alignment of college and university missions and visions. Other changes to the policy include refinements to better delineate the requirements of a change in institution type (mission) and to align the requirements for mission approval with the Higher Learning Commission criteria for accreditation.

04/21/10 - Changed Institutional to College and University in the Policy title as well as throughout the policy. Added part 1 Purpose, Part 2 Definitions, and Part 5 Academic Award. Other amendments to ensure that college missions and visions clearly reflect the priorities set in state law and decisions of the Board of Trustees.