

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

BOARD ACTION

STUDENT ASSOCIATION FEE CHANGES

BACKGROUND

Minnesota Statute 136F.22, Subdivision 2 states in part, “Each statewide student association shall set its fees to be collected by the board and shall submit any changes in its fees to the board for review. The board may revise or reject the fee change.” Board policy 3.7 adds that: “The board may revise or reject the fee change during the two board meetings immediately following the fee change submission.” The Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA) is proposing a new fee amount for the Board’s review.

The process for adopting the MSCSA fee increase was very inclusive. There were many opportunities for input by students at the state, regional and campus meetings held that were convened to discuss the MSCSA budget recommendations. Over 250 students from 43 state campuses participated in the Spring General Assembly. After a four hour debate, the General Assembly passed a motion to restore the fee to 30 cents by a vote of 127 in favor to 19 against.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Finance/Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees recommends that the Board of Trustees endorse the following motion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Board of Trustees endorses the increase of the MSCSA fee from \$.28 to \$.30 per semester credit hour for the academic year 2005-2006, beginning with fall semester 2005.

Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: May 18, 2005

Date of Implementation: Fall Semester 2005