

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Finance and Facilities

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2005

Agenda Item: Revised North Dakota/Minnesota Reciprocity Agreement

- Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring
- Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda: Minnesota Statute 136A.08, Subd. 6 requires the Office of Higher Education to seek approval from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees whenever changes are made to the interstate tuition reciprocity agreements.

Scheduled Presenter(s): Judy Borgen, Associate Vice Chancellor Budget

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues: Minor technical changes were made to the Agreement to accommodate agency name changes from the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the North Dakota State Board for Technical Education to the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education.

Language was added to the agreement excluding students enrolled in courses or programs that do not charge a non-resident tuition rate but charge a tuition rate other than the resident rate to all students enrolled in a course or program. Since students enrolled in these programs are never subject to a non-resident tuition rate, they fall beyond the scope of the reciprocity agreement.

Background Information: Periodically we are asked by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to approve changes to the master reciprocity agreements with neighboring states. The University of Minnesota's Board of Regents and our Board of Trustees are required by law to approve the agreements.

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ACTION ITEM
REVISED NORTH DAKOTA/MINNESOTA RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND

Minnesota Statute 136A.08, Subd. 6 requires the Office of Higher Education to seek approval from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees whenever changes are made to the interstate tuition reciprocity agreements. The changes to the agreement that are relevant to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and become effective beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year, are as follows:

1. Minor technical changes were made to the Agreement to accommodate agency name changes from the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the North Dakota State Board for Technical Education to the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education.
2. Language was added to the **4. Scope of Agreement** section excluding students enrolled in courses or programs that do not charge a non-resident tuition rate but charge a tuition rate other than the resident rate to all students enrolled in a course or program. This language exists in Minnesota's reciprocity agreements with Wisconsin and South Dakota and allows campuses the flexibility of charging the same rate to students from all states in courses or programs that might be self-sustained by tuition revenue and charge a tuition rate above the standard resident rate. Since students enrolled in these programs are never subject to a non-resident tuition rate, they fall beyond the scope of the reciprocity agreement.

Additional changes were made to the Agreement dealing with professional programs and only impacting the University of Minnesota.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

The Board of Trustees approves the Minnesota-North Dakota Public Higher Education Reciprocity Agreement (Attachment A) effective beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year.

Date Presented to the Board: September 21, 2005