

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

**Ridgewater College Athletic Request**

**BACKGROUND**

Policy 2.6 requires that “Any change proposed by a college or university in division level membership for any sport requires prior approval by the Board.”

Ridgewater College has expressed a desire to seek membership in the Iowa Community College Conference in order to offer soccer as an intercollegiate sport. This conference is a Division I level conference. Ridgewater has been participating fully in the Minnesota Community College Conference, which is a Division III conference. Ridgewater intends to continue to comply with more restrictive Division III rules while participating in this conference.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Educational Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

The Board of Trustees approves the request for Ridgewater College to move to Division I level for the purpose of offering soccer as an intercollegiate athletic program.