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.” Both the Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA) and the Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA) are proposing new fee amounts for the Board’s review.

The processes for adopting these fee increases were inclusive and consultative. Both statewide student associations provided ample opportunity for their respective students to be a part of the discussions regarding the need for any increase, as well as the level of increase.

MSCSA’s fiscal committee reviewed the association’s fiscal activities, and directed the MSCSA treasurer and staff to draft a proposal for a one cent fee increase. The association’s Governing Council reviewed the proposal in March and sent it on to the General Assembly for approval. In April, MSCSA’s General Assembly reviewed a detailed summary of the proposal and approved the proposed increase.

MSUSA initiated discussion about an increase in their per credit fee in December 2005, and continued that discussion at their January 2006 board meeting. Various scenarios were discussed, and the Spring Delegate Assembly voted to recommend a four cent per credit increase (from 39 cents currently to 43 cents proposed), the first increase since 2000. MSUSA’s Board of Directors approved this recommendation in April 2006.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. The Board of Trustees endorses the increase of the MSCSA fee from $.30 to $.31 per semester credit hour beginning fall semester, academic year 2006-2007.

2. The Board of Trustees endorses the increase of the MSUSA fee from $.39 to $.43 per semester credit hour beginning fall semester, academic year 2006-2007.
Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: May 17, 2006
Date of Implementation: Fall Semester 2006