

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Educational Policy
Board of Trustees

Date of Meeting: December 20, 2006
January 17, 2007

Agenda Item: Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Athletic Request, Policy 2.6
Intercollegiate Athletics

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

Presenters:

Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Don Day, President, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

Explain reason for item to go before the Board:

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." Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is proposing to offer intercollegiate athletics.

Purpose:

The purpose is to review the request and determine whether to approve.

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College proposes to offer men's football and women's softball beginning in the 2007-2008 school year. The college has applied for membership in the college athletic conference, the Minnesota Community College Conference and will become a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Background Information:

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College has developed a plan for funding and using existing facilities to offer athletics. They are also mindful of the requirements for gender equity in athletics.

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*ACTION ITEM***

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Athletic Request, Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics

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.”

Fond du Lac tribal and Community College has expressed a desire to seek membership in the Minnesota Community College Conference to begin to offer intercollegiate sports. This conference is a division three level 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 Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College to participate as a division three level institution for the purpose of offering intercollegiate athletics.