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: Proposed Amendment to Policy 2.3 Student Involvement in Decision-Making  
(Second Reading)  

☑ Proposed  
Policy Change  
☐ Approvals  
Required by  
Policy  
☐ Other  
Approvers  
☐ Monitoring  
☐ Information  

Presenters:
Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs  
Steve Frantz, System Director for Student Affairs  

Explain reason for item to go before the Board:  
Policy 1A.1 requires that policies be reviewed periodically.  

Purpose:  
The purpose of the amendment is to revise policy language.  

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:  
The proposed amendment updates policy language by providing minor language changes for  
consistency or clarity and by reorganizing content. The amendment contains new language in  
Part 1 that provides further clarification.  

Background Information:  
Policy 2.3 was developed prior to merger in 1995. The policy was reviewed in 1999 and in 2001  
with no changes being recommended at those times. In 1999 a procedure was developed and  

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:  
Board approval is required to amend policy.
INTRODUCTION
Policy 2.3 has been reviewed and a committee has recommended amendments for the policy. The Office of the Chancellor is submitting an amendment to Policy 2.3 Student Involvement in Decision-Making.

BACKGROUND
This policy was developed prior to merger in 1995. The policy was reviewed in 1999 and in 2001. No changes to the policy were recommended at that time. In 1999 a procedure was developed to accompany the policy. The procedure was amended in 2001.

CONSULTATION
Consultation has occurred as follows:
- System-wide cross functional policy task force including student representatives met spring semester, 2006.
- Reviewed policy amendment with chief student affairs officers at their meetings in May and October, 2006.
- Reviewed with college student senate advisors at their meeting in October, 2006.
- Sought review and comment on the proposed policy amendment widely from a list of interested persons maintained by Academic and Student Affairs on September 8, 2006.
- Reviewed at MSCF Meet and Confer on September 7, 2006.
- Reviewed at IFO Meet and Confer on September 22, 2006; November 17, 2006.
- Reviewed at Academic and Student Affairs Policy Council, September 26, 2006.
- Reviewed at MSUAASF Meet and Confer, November 16, 2006.
- Reviewed at Leadership Council meeting, November 7, 2006.

FORMAL APPROVAL PROCESS
The proposed policy amendment is being submitted for a second reading to the Board of Trustees at the January 2007 meeting. The procedure to implement the policy has gone through the same consultation process and is being submitted to the Leadership Council and Chancellor to accompany the amended policy.

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 amendment to Policy 2.3 Student Involvement in Decision-Making.
2.3 Student Involvement in Decision-Making

Part 1. General Provision. To promote appropriate levels of student participation in system, college, or university decision-making and to assure that student perspectives are considered, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ students shall have the opportunity for representation in system, college, or university committees involving or affecting student interests and shall have the opportunity to review or be consulted on issues that have significant impact on students.

Part 2. Student Participation Involvement in System Committees, Conferences and Issue Forums.

Subpart A. Students’ representatives shall be given the opportunity to participate in representation on system committees, conferences and issue forums that are a part of the policy development and/or decision-making process.

Subpart B. Selection of Student Committee Members or Student Representatives.

1. At the system level, the student member(s) shall be selected by the statewide student association(s).
2. At the state college or university level, student members shall be selected by the recognized campus student association(s).

Part 3. Exceptions. Exceptions for this policy may include shall not apply to the following.

Subpart A. 1. Committees established for the evaluation of personnel.
Subpart B. 2. Committees established under collective bargaining agreements.
Subpart C. 3. Management teams, presidential cabinets, and committees of the Board of Trustees.


Subpart A. At the system level, the student member(s) shall be selected by the statewide student association(s).

Subpart B. At the college or university level, student members shall be selected by the official campus student association(s).