

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

Name: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Date: March 19, 2014, 2014

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Purpose (check one):

Proposed
New Policy or
Amendment to

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Other

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BOARD ACTION ITEM

**PROPOSED POLICY 3.40 RECOGNITION
OF VETERAN STATUS (SECOND READING)**

BACKGROUND

Legislation passed during the 2013 session requires that an applicant's veteran status be recognized as a positive factor in making admission decisions for graduate and professional degree programs at MnSC

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BOARD POLICY
Chapter #3 Educational Policies
Section #40 Recognition of Veteran Status

1 **3.40 RECOGNITION OF VETERAN STATUS**
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3 **Part 1. Purpose.** This policy establishes veteran status as a factor to be recognized in evaluating
4 applicants for admission to graduate and professional programs, in accordance with Minnesota
5 Statutes 197.775.
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7 **Part 2. Definitions.**
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9 **Subpart A. Graduate or Professional Programs.** Graduate or professional programs
10 means post-baccalaureate educational programs leading to master's, specialist, or doctoral
11 degrees offered by Minnesota state universities.
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13 **Subpart B. Veteran.** Veteran means a person who is currently serving or has ever served in
14 the United State armed forces and has been discharged under honorable conditions.
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16 **Part 3. Policy.** Each Minnesota state university shall adopt a policy recognizing, for applicants
17 who are veterans, an applicant's veteran status as a positive factor in determining whether to
18 grant admission to a graduate or professional academic degree program.
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20 **Part 4. Report.** By January 15 of every year, each Minnesota state university shall submit a
21 report to the system office on the number of veterans who applied for a graduate or professional
22 academic degree program and the number accepted during the previous fiscal year.