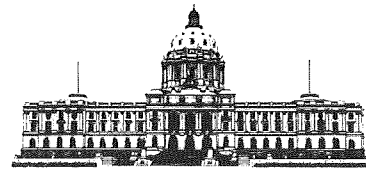


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State Senator - District 6

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Senate

State of Minnesota

April 6, 2022

Dear Board of Regents:

On February 14, 2002, the Minnesota Senate Higher Education Committee held a hearing regarding the men's gymnastics, indoor track and tennis sports programs that were discontinued at the University of Minnesota. The testimony was compelling, and it generated questions that remain unanswered.

As a result, the members of the Senate Higher Education Committee request that the Board of Regents establish a special commission to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the role of athletics at the University of Minnesota. We encourage the Board to work with the Minnesota Athletics Alliance to form the commission. The duties of the commission should include, but are not limited to, determining the value of athletics and the preservation of intercollegiate sports opportunities for university students, exploring reasonable financing models for nonrevenue sports, and establishing evidence-based proposals to guide decisions affecting the future of athletics at the University. If the commission is established, we are interested in an update on its research and findings.

We appreciate your time and attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

David J. Tomassoni, Chair
State Senator

Jason Rarick, Vice-Chair
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State Senator

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