POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK TITLE 4, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 1 – Policies Concerning NSHE Intercollegiate Athletics

Making certain revisions to subsection 1 (Board of Regents Oversight) related to athletic conference membership.

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [stricken and bracketed]

1. Board of Regents Oversight

a. The Board of Regents carries out its responsibility for oversight of all NSHE Intercollegiate Athletics through the institutional Presidents and through periodic reports set forth in this Chapter 24 or as otherwise specified by the Board.

b. *Prior to submitting any application, having discussions, or commencing negotiations related to a change in athletic conference membership an institution shall first provide written notice to the Chancellor and the Chair of the Board.* Any proposed change by an NSHE institution in its athletic conference membership requiring an NSHE institution to vote on approval shall be approved is subject to approval by the Board on recommendation of the President and Chancellor with full consideration of all factors to include student competition in intercollegiate sports appropriate to the institution, fiscal resources available, and sound standards of student academic performance.

c. The Board and each President shall ensure that standards of accountability and benchmarks against which to measure the success of each institution's Intercollegiate Athletics programs are established and reported annually to the Board.