

**136A.031 ADVISORY GROUPS.**

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 2005 c 107 art 2 s 61]

Subd. 2. **Higher Education Advisory Council.** A Higher Education Advisory Council (HEAC) is established. The HEAC is composed of the president of the University of Minnesota or designee; the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or designee; the commissioner of education; the president of the Private College Council; a representative from the Minnesota Career College Association; and a member appointed by the governor. The HEAC shall bring to the attention of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education any matters that the HEAC deems necessary.

Subd. 3. **Student Advisory Council.** (a) A Student Advisory Council (SAC) to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education is established. The members of SAC shall include: the chair of the University of Minnesota student senate; the state chair of the Minnesota State University Student Association; the president of the Minnesota State College Student Association and an officer of the Minnesota State College Student Association, one in a community college course of study and one in a technical college course of study; the president of the Minnesota Association of Private College Students; and a student who is enrolled in a private vocational school, to be appointed by the Minnesota Career College Association. A member may be represented by a student designee who attends an institution from the same system that the absent member represents. The SAC shall select one of its members to serve as chair.

(b) The Minnesota Office of Higher Education shall inform the SAC of all matters related to student issues under consideration. The SAC shall report to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education quarterly and at other times that the SAC considers desirable. The SAC shall determine its meeting times, but it shall also meet with the office within 30 days after the director's request for a meeting.

(c) The SAC shall:

(1) bring to the attention of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education any matter that the SAC believes needs the attention of the office;

(2) make recommendations to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education as it finds appropriate; and

(3) approve student appointments by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for each advisory group as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Student representation.** The director must place at least one student from an affected educational system on any task force created by the office. The director must submit to the SAC the name of any student appointed to an advisory group or task force. The student appointment is not approved if four SAC members vote to disapprove of the appointment. If an appointment is disapproved, the director must submit another student appointment to the SAC in a timely manner.

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the advisory groups established in this section do not expire.

**History:** 1995 c 212 art 3 s 12; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 1999 c 214 art 2 s 4; 1Sp2001 c 1 art 2 s 7; 2003 c 130 s 12; 2003 c 133 art 2 s 6,7; 2005 c 107 art 2 s 11-14,60; 2007 c 144 art 2 s 15