

My name is Brian Meeker,

We met at MiniHops Gymnastics a few weeks back. I am a former U of MN gymnast, parent of a U of MN gymnast and gymnastics club owner in MN. I am writing to support the public hearing your committee has scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 1 pm to hear testimony regarding the three dropped sports at the University of Minnesota. I have been outraged and incensed since the decision to drop these sports was first proposed by Athletic Director Mark Coyle at the 9/11/20 U of M Board of Regents meeting. As a former U of MN collegiate gymnast, I have reaped the benefits of a great education and gymnastics career. I was a 7 time Big Ten champion and 5 time National Team member. This experience also helped me open a very successful gymnastics school in MN.

The hearing on February 15 is extremely important to me, please do not cancel it as I have heard that some are trying to get the hearing canceled.

I plan to attend this hybrid hearing (in-person and/or zoom). I am following very closely what comes next, especially any positive movement toward transparency of the use of taxpayer money for higher education and benefits to student athlete programs, the reinstatement of Men's gymnastics, indoor track, and tennis.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Brian Meeker
Owner of Kenwood Gymnastics Center