

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee
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Minutes

Present: Senator David J. Tomassoni - Chair, Senator Jason Rarick - Vice Chair, Senator Gregory D. Clausen, Senator Michael P. Goggin, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Aric Putnam

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Rarick, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

University of Minnesota Sports Cuts

Senator David Tomassoni, Chair, addressed the committee and stated that the hearing today concerns the University of Minnesota and their decision to discontinue certain sports, unfortunately the U of M will not be here to give us the reasons for this action. We will be hearing from various individuals who have been negatively impacted by the decision. I should note that the vote of the Regents was 7 to 5.

Senator Rarick announced that this would be an informational hearing.

University of Minnesota Sports Cuts

Testifying on the University of Minnesota Sports Cuts were the following:

- 1) Anne Marie Rogers, President of the Baseline Club, UMN Men's Tennis
- 2) Ava Hill, UMN Current Track & Field Student Athlete
- 3) Yahya Madar, UMN Current Track & Field Student Athlete
- 4) Mark Fu, High School Gymnastics Prospect
- 5) John Roethlisberger, UMN Gymnastics Alumnus, Olympian
- 6.) Dr. Joseph Ray, UMN Gymnastics Alumnus, Dentist
- 7.) Mike Linnemann, UMN Track & Field Alumnus, Fundraiser

Questions and comments from committee members ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Senator David J. Tomassoni, Chair

Karen Johnson, Legislative Assistant