

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Handbook Revision, Mission Statements

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Currently, Board policy provides that institutional strategic plans must be approved by the Board at least every six years. Typically, the institutions have included their mission statement in their strategic plans and, therefore; the mission statements received de facto approval under the approval of the overall strategic plan. In recent years, institutional mission statements have come forward independently for review and approval at the request of the Board, and the institutions have since followed suit by bringing forward for Board approval any revisions to their mission statements. Further, for accreditation purposes, the Northwest Accreditation Commission requires the mission statements be approved by the governing entity.

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 14, SECTION 3 (in part)
Institutional Strategic Plans

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

Section 3. Institutional Strategic Plans

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2. Institutional strategic plans *and mission statements* for each NSHE institution, including the