



BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY: *Historic Preservation*

SECTION I. SCOPE.

This policy governs the preservation of the historic resources of the University of Minnesota (University).

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 1. Historic Resources.

Historic resources shall mean buildings, areas, landscapes, objects, and archeological sites identified as having historical, cultural, architectural, archaeological, or engineering significance and that are associated with historical events or persons, embody distinctive architectural style, or have or may yield information important in prehistory or history, consistent with state and federal law.

SECTION III. GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

The following principles shall guide the University's preservation and conservation of its historic resources:

- (a) The University is committed to the preservation and use of its historic resources and will take reasonable measures to ensure such preservation.
- (b) The University's historic resources possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, or association and provide the residents of the State with a sense of history and identity.
- (c) The University recognizes that its historic resources are emblematic of its research, teaching, and outreach mission.
- (d) The promotion of a broad understanding, awareness, enjoyment, and continued use of its historic resources is important to the stewardship of the University.

SECTION IV. IMPLEMENTATION.

Subd. 1. Campus Master Planning.

Each campus master plan shall include direction related to the identification, evaluation, maintenance, preservation, reuse, and redevelopment of historic resources.

Subd. 2. Feasibility of Reuse.

Historic resources are valuable assets contributing to future campus development. Within the context of the campus master plans and academic and capital planning processes, historic resources will be evaluated

as to their ability to be preserved and reused. Such evaluation shall balance functionality, cost, and historic significance.

Subd. 3. Historic Preservation Plan and Supporting Procedures.

The president or delegate shall periodically evaluate the significance of historic resources through the development of a historic preservation plan, reflecting the policies and framework articulated in the campus master plans. Supporting administrative procedures shall be maintained to guide alterations to, sale or other disposition of, or decommissioning or demolition of historic resources.

Subd. 4. Environmental Review.

The president or delegate may initiate environmental reviews under applicable state and federal laws concerning historic resources, for which the University will be the responsible governmental unit, and such reviews shall be completed consistent with such laws and Board policies.

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