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This policy governs the management of investments in the University of Minnesota (University) endowment fund (endowment).

The investment objectives for the University endowment shall be, over the long term, to:

- (a) preserve the inflation adjusted value of the endowment;
- (b) generate investment returns that meet or exceed the annual payout rate plus direct expenses incurred by the investment program after adjusting for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index;
- (c) execute the investment program within acceptable risk parameters; and
- (d) provide stable distributions for annual spending purposes.



The endowment payout rate shall be set at a level that supports University operations while enabling the endowment to grow at an inflation-adjusted rate that will provide for future distributions. Distributions shall be made quarterly. The annual payout rate shall be 4.5 percent of the average of the endowment's trailing month-end market values for the prior 60 months.

The president or delegate shall make the following reports to the Board at the specified times or frequencies:

- (a) an annual report which includes a comprehensive review of the investment program and the status of the endowment containing the following information:
  - (1) a summary of both short-