

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Advancement

Date of Meeting: January 18, 2011

Agenda Item: Board Legislative Agenda

Proposed
Policy Change

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:

2011 legislative request and agenda

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Linda Kohl, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs

Mary Davenport, Director of Government Relations

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

Review and discussion of publication pieces used to promote the Boards legislative request and agenda.

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INFORMATION ITEM
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BACKGROUND

Every other year as part of the state’s operating budget process, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities develops a biennial operating budget request which serves as the legislative priority. A proposal was presented to the Finance and Facilities Committee at its September 2010 meeting and was recommended to the full board at the committee’s November 2010 meeting, and subsequently passed.

As with past years, a publication is developed to promote the request, and to supplement and support the strategic directions and goals as set forth by the Board of Trustees. Input from trustees and the Leadership Council helped to frame the publication for the 2012-2013 budget request.

The publication will consist of two parts: a one page document focusing on the system, and a one page document for each of the 32 colleges and universities. The two documents together set forth the need for the request and the outcomes achieved with full funding. The two documents will serve to link the statewide system with each of the member institutions. Each document will include data elements to demonstrate budget variables over time, priority messages and talking points.

Draft documents will be provided during the Advancement Committee meeting for review and discussion.