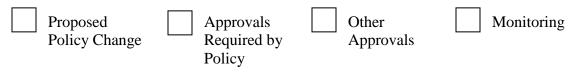
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Advancement

Date of Meeting: March 21, 2012

Agenda Item: Report on Connecting with Campus Initiative



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Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda: Review progress on Connecting with Campus Initiative

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Trustee Cheryl Dickson

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

Initiative undertaken to establish collective understanding among trustees of unique contributions of each campus and provide informed context for decision making.

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INFORMATION ITEM

Report on Connecting with Campus Initiative

BACKGROUND

The Connecting with Campus Initiative was introduced by Chair Scott Thiss and launched in the fall of 2010. It was designed to establish a collective understanding among the trustees of the distinctiveness of each college and university, and their unique contributions and challenges toward achieving the system's mission and strategic plan. This understanding will provide the trustees with an informed context for making strategic and policy decisions on behalf of the System.

GOALS

There were four levels of results to determine success of this program.

Level 1 – Each Trustee will visit one campus. Result: fifteen visits.

Level 2 – Each Trustee will visit two campuses. Result: thirty visits.

Level 3 – Each President will receive at least one visit. Result: thirty-two visits.

Level 4 – Each campus within the system will be visited once. Result: all fifty-four campus/campus locations visited.

Trustees visited campuses throughout the year and periodic updates were presented to the Advancement Committee, chaired by Trustee Cheryl Dickson. At the end of the first year, and reported during a Study Session of the Board on July 2011, 30 colleges and universities had not been visited. The board agreed to continue the initiative in FY2012, with the goal to "visit all of them."

PROGRESS

After the study session, Trustee Dickson revised the guidelines which were sent to the trustees along with a list of the remaining colleges and universities to be visited. As of February 29, 2012, trustees had visited 15 more institutions. Three more campus visits are scheduled in March, and several trustees have indicated their preferences for visits later in the spring. It is expected that the goal of "visiting all of them" will be achieved by June 30, 2012, the end of the current fiscal year. A list of the campuses that have not yet been visited is attached to this report.

Connecting with Campus Initiative Year Two, FY2012

Visits to be scheduled:

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids Bemidji State University Dakota County Technical College Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie Inver Hills Community College Lake Superior College Metropolitan State University Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Detroit Lakes Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Wadena Northwest Technical College St. Cloud Technical and Community College