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Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Diversity and Equity and
Academic and Student Affairs Committees

Date of Meeting: January 16, 2013

Agenda Item: Joint Study Session: Closing the Achievement Gap

Proposed
Policy Change

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

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

The Diversity and Equity committee agreed to conduct three study sessions. The topic of this study session is closing the achievement gap.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Sue Hammersmith, President, Metropolitan State University
Rassoul Dastmozd, President, Saint Paul College
Douglas Knowlton, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Whitney Stewart Harris, Chief Diversity Officer

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

Goal:

The goal of this discussion is for committee members to review and assess the current and planned strategies designed to reduce the achievement gap between students of color and white students.

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INFORMATION ITEM
Joint Study Session: Closing the Achievement Gap

BACKGROUND

The Diversity and Equity and the Academic and Student Affairs committees will engage in a study session on the strategies being implemented to reduce the achievement gap between students of color and white students. Data from secondary schools and MnSCU institutions will be reviewed. Committee members will access proposed goals and strategies designed to reduce and ultimately eliminate the achievement gap.