

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Academic and Student Affairs

**Date of Meeting:** January 22, 2014

**Agenda Item:** Meeting the Baccalaureate Needs of the Twin Cities Metro Area

- Proposed Policy Change       Approvals Required by Policy       Other Approvals       Monitoring
- Information

**Brief Description:**

This is a follow-up to the June 2013 Board meeting where an overview was given of the current needs, strategies, outcomes and options for accelerating baccalaureate degree programs in the Twin Cities metropolitan area including-

- Projected 570,000 new jobs over the next three decades, 399,000 of which will require a postsecondary credential and 199,500 of which will require a bachelor's degree
- Proposed creation of academic centers to develop collaborative programs that provide seamless program pathways for students and respond to critical workforce needs

The Board of Trustees requested that more information on other options be brought forward for further discussion.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

John O'Brien, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs  
Leslie Mercer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Planning and Policy