

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

Name: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Date: November 19, 2014

Title: Meeting the Baccalaureate Needs of the Twin Cities Metro Area

Purpose (check one):

Proposed
New Policy or
Amendment to
Existing Policy

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring /
Compliance

Information

Brief Description:

This is a follow-up to the January 2014 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. An outcome of the January session was a request to continue the development and refinement of a proposal. Since that time, extensive consultation has occurred including a metro retreat of key stakeholders conducted in the spring and follow-up with each of the bargaining units, students, administration, and diverse community representatives, all contributing to the proposal for board consideration.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

John O'Brien, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

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INFORMATION ITEM

MEETING THE BACCALAUREATE NEEDS OF THE TWIN CITIES METRO AREA

BACKGROUND

This is a continuation of the Board of Trustees discussion on the challenge and opportunity to meet the growing need for baccalaureate options in the Twin Cities metro area.

The presentation will provide context and actionable strategies for advancing baccalaureate education over the next two decades. Topics will include the challenge and associate demand, the existing strategies, and proposed elements for significantly expanding system capacity and collaboration among the seven universities. The elements to be presented are true to the system strategic commitments of ensuring access to an extraordinary education, to being the partner of choice, and to delivering the most affordable option for students.