

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

Name: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Date: November 19th, 2014

Title: Profile: Minneapolis Community & Technical College

Purpose (check one):

Proposed
New Policy or
Amendment to
Existing Policy

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring /
Compliance

Information

Brief Description:

This item will provide a profile on Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) and their *Attacking the Workforce Gap* initiative in Northside Minneapolis.

Avelino Mills-Novoa, MCTC President, and Mike Christianson, Associate Vice President of Strategic Partnerships will give a brief background of their initiative, and how it is making a difference in their community.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

John O'Brien, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Trustee Anderson Kelliher (introduces institution)
Mike Christenson, MCTC Associate Vice President of Strategic Partnerships
Avelino Mills-Novoa, MCTC President
Gail O'Kane, MCTC Academic Affairs Vice President

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INFORMATION ITEM
PROFILE: MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BACKGROUND

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Trustee Anderson Kelliher implemented student and institution profiles for each Board meeting, where students or institutions of the MnSCU system tell their stories of success.

The November Board of Trustees meeting will profile Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC), and includes their *Attacking the Workforce Gap* initiative in Northside Minneapolis.

This initiative was implemented to reduce the North Minneapolis African American unemployment rate (currently at 28.9 percent) to match the city's Caucasian unemployment rate (currently at 6.3 percent).

According to research done by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), if 1,952 African Americans in the Northside of Minneapolis were to become employed, the gap would close for good. MCTC has 1,958 Northside students currently enrolled. Our one campus could make a big difference if we got each of these students on a career path.