

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

**Name:** Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**Date:** October 22, 2014

**Title:** TRIO

**Purpose (check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed<br>New Policy or<br>Amendment to<br>Existing Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals<br>Required by<br>Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Approvals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /<br>Compliance                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information             |   |

**Brief Description:**

TRIO federal programs are the premier college access and success programs serving under-represented students. TRIO Staff will present the history of TRIO (national and MnSCU institutions history), explain the seven different TRIO programs (all represented in MnSCU institutions), and discuss the impact that these programs have on MnSCU goals and student success. The presentation will also include an overview of the Minnesota TRIO Association: a professional organization of educational opportunity program personnel focused on advocacy for TRIO programs and providing professional development on issues affecting educational access, retention, and completion.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Tallie Sertich, Hibbing Community College Upward Bound Director, and Minnesota TRIO Association President-Elect

Shelly Siegel, North Hennepin Community College, Director of TRIO Program

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<b>INFORMATION ITEM</b>
<b>TRIO</b>

**BACKGROUND**

Born directly out of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's and Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, TRIO programs were created to help with the effort to end poverty in the United States. The first TRIO program in (what would become) a MnSCU institution was an Upward Bound program funded in 1966 at Bemidji State University. BSU's Upward Bound program is still operating and serves over 100 students annually. Currently 53 of the state's 69 projects are in MnSCU institutions. These projects receive over \$20 million in federal funding and serve over 12,800 students each year.

TRIO programs are funded by the US Department of Education and are designed to provide the services to low-income and first generation youth and adults, as well as students with disabilities, need in order to enroll and succeed in postsecondary education. Specific populations served by each program are as follows:

- Talent Search: Middle and high school
- Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math Science: High school students
- Student Support Services: Eligible students enrolled in the host institution
- Educational Opportunity Centers: Adults and, in certain cases, youth
- Veterans Upward Bound: Eligible military veterans
- McNair Scholars Program: College juniors and seniors preparing for graduate studies

Each program has federal regulations specifying: participant eligibility, services to be provided, allowable and unallowable costs, and evaluation criteria.

Institutions must submit a competitive proposal every five years to receive funding. Funding during this five-year period is contingent on meeting proposed objectives.

TRIO last presented to the Board in 2008. Since that time 5 new projects have been funded. It was felt that updating the Board was necessary in order to keep the Board informed about the background of the programs, what services the programs provide, and how they support the mission and goals of the MnSCU System.

The MN TRIO Association, established in 1984, is a professional organization of educational opportunity program personnel focused on advocacy for TRIO programs and providing professional development on issues affecting educational access, retention, and completion. The association, a chapter of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP), is operated by an elected board and averages 165 members.