



**JOINT MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS  
AND THE DIVERSITY AND EQUITY COMMITTEES**

**APRIL 22, 2015**

**9:00A.M.**

**MCCORMICK ROOM  
30 7TH STREET EAST  
SAINT PAUL, MN**

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**Please note: Committee/Board meeting times are tentative. Committee/Board meetings may begin up to 45 minutes earlier than the times listed below if the previous committee meeting concludes its business before the end of its allotted time slot.**

- Closing the Achievement Gap (pp.1-2)

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair

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**Diversity and Equity Committee**

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Alexander Cirillo

Thomas Renier

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**Bolded** items indicate action required.

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**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Name:** Joint Meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs  
and the Diversity and Equity Committees

**Date:** April 22, 2015

**Title:** Closing the Achievement Gap

**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:**

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**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

John O'Brien, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs  
Leon Rodrigues, Chief Diversity Officer  
Craig Schoenecker, Senior System Director for Research  
Scott Olson, President, Winona State University  
Alex Hines, Director of Inclusion and Diversity, Winona State University  
Barb Oertel, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, Winona State University  
Karen Johnson, Associate Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, Winona State University  
Keith Turner, Dean of Student Services, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College  
Sherry Sanchez-Tibbetts, Chief Diversity Officer/Director of Institutional Research, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP**

**BACKGROUND**

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