

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Diversity and Multiculturalism

Date of Meeting: April 19, 2011

Agenda Item: The Center for College Readiness – Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Proposed
Policy Change

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:

The Board allocated \$3.4 million in each year of the biennium for the establishment of three college access and opportunity centers to increase the college readiness and college participation rates of underrepresented students. Board members have requested regular updates on the progress of the three centers.

Scheduled Presenters:

Paul Drange – Director, Center for College Readiness
Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Dr. Jill Abbott – Executive Dean, eCampus and K-12 Collaboration
Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The presenters will provide an overview of the Center for College Readiness, including the use of the Ready or Not Writing program. Also, presenters will share additional information on underrepresented students served and partnerships developed with Minnesota high schools and within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

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INFORMATION ITEM
THE CENTER FOR COLLEGE READINESS – MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BACKGROUND

Following a competitive Request for Proposal process, three College Access and Opportunity Centers were funded beginning in fiscal year 2008. The centers provide quarterly updates on their progress to the Office of the Chancellor. Summaries have been provided to the Board at previous meetings. At the April 2011 meeting the Center for College Readiness will provide a progress report on the advancements of the center and an overview of activity in assisting underrepresented students.