

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

INFORMATION ITEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY SESSION

CONNECTING WITH CAMPUS INITIATIVE

The Board of Trustees embarked on an initiative in FY2011 to connect with the system's campuses. Proposed by Chair Scott Thiss, the objectives for the Connecting with Campus Initiative were to encourage trustees to visit the colleges and universities and with their leadership to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the campus' mission. It also intended to enrich the relationship between campus presidents and trustees, facilitate communication at a high level and better prepare trustees to address the major issues facing the system.

There were four levels of results to measure the success of the program.

- Level 1 – Each Trustee will visit one campus.
- Level 2 – Each Trustee will visit two campuses.
- Level 3 – Each President will receive at least one visit.
- Level 4 – Each campus within the system will be visited once.

A summary of the visits, including reports of the visits, that were prepared by the Trustees and a survey of the presidents will be distributed in advance of the study session.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The Board of Trustees will have a discussion on their performance over the past year.

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