



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012  
2:30 PM**

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES  
McCORMICK ROOM, 4TH FLOOR  
30 7TH STREET EAST  
SAINT PAUL, MN**

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Chair Scott Thiss convenes the study session.

- The Itasca Project: Higher Education Task Force, “Higher Education Partnership for Prosperity” (pp. 1-2)

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**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Board of Trustees Study Session**

**Date of Meeting:** June 19, 2012

**Agenda Item:** The Itasca Project: Higher Education Task Force  
“Higher Education Partnership for Prosperity”

Proposed  
Policy Change

Approvals  
Required by  
Policy

Other  
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

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

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone is a member of The Itasca Project’s Higher Education Task Force. The report’s findings and recommendations will be of interest to the Board of Trustees as they relate to the strategic direction of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Gregory Page, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Cargill  
and Chair of the Itasca Project Higher Education Task Force, and  
Allison Barmann, McKinsey & Company

**Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:**

Time has been scheduled following the presentation for discussion of key points and policy issues.

**Background Information:**

See next page.

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**THE ITASCA PROJECT: HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE  
HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY**

**BACKGROUND**

About the Itasca Project

The Itasca Project is an employer-led civic alliance drawn together by an interest in new and better ways to address Minneapolis / St. Paul regional issues that impact the region's economic competitiveness and quality of life. Its 50-plus participants are primarily private-sector CEOs. The group also includes a small number of public and nonprofit leaders, including the governor of Minnesota, the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the chair of the Metropolitan Council, the president of the University of Minnesota, the chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and leaders of major foundations and the United Way.

In October 2011 the Itasca Project launched a task force to identify strategies for higher education in Minnesota to drive long-term sustainable economic growth and prosperity. The work has been led by a team of 12 leaders from business, nonprofit and higher education institutions. An advisory group of 40 business and community leaders have provided input and guidance.

Welcome, Scott Thiss, Chair  
Introduction, Steven Rosenstone, Chancellor

Discussion, Q&A (45 minutes)