

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: June 19, 2013

Agenda Item: Increasing Baccalaureate Degrees in the Twin Cities Metro Area

Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring

Information

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

The three strategic priorities adopted by the Board of Trustees are to partner with business and industry to prepare graduates for high demand jobs and professions; deliver an extraordinary education; and provide accessible and affordable degree options. In the increasingly diverse and rapidly growing metropolitan region, these priorities take on special significance as the need for baccalaureate education opportunities outpaces our current capacity. This presentation and discussion will provide an initial opportunity for the Trustees to review the current situation and consider some new approaches to meeting the needs for a highly educated population.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Ron Anderson, President, Century College

Scott Olson, President, Winona State University

John O'Brien, Interim Vice Chancellor

Leslie Mercer, Associate Vice Chancellor

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

We will provide an overview of current needs and strategies, the outcomes of those strategies and possible options to accelerate the number of state university baccalaureate degree programs (and graduates) available to the growing metropolitan population and economy.

Background Information:

In 2009 the Board received a report on increasing baccalaureate education in the metro that suggested two broad strategies:

- Increase Metropolitan State University's capacity in selected programs.
- Encourage other state universities to provide more upper division programming at metropolitan two-year colleges.