

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Name:** Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**Date:** March 18, 2015

**Title:** Metro Baccalaureate Plan Update

**Purpose (check one):**

Proposed  
New Policy or  
Amendment to  
Existing Policy

Approvals  
Required by  
Policy

Other  
Approvals

Monitoring /  
Compliance

Information

**Brief Description:**

This is a follow-up to the November Board meeting where a proposal was presented for accelerating baccalaureate degree programs in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. An outcome of the November session was a request for how elements of the proposal will proceed. The significant consultation prior to the development of the proposal and recent dialogue among the metro and state university chief academic officers and other recent actions will inform this update for the Board of Trustees.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

John O'Brien, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Laura King, Vice Chancellor – CFO

Todd Harmening, System Director for Planning

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<b>INFORMATION ITEM</b>
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<b>METRO BACCALAUREATE PLAN UPDATE</b>
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**BACKGROUND**

This is a continuation of the Board of Trustees discussion on meeting the growing need for baccalaureate completion options in the Twin Cities metro area.

The focus will be on the following proposal elements presented to the Board of Trustees in November:

1. Build on existing strategies through growth of Metropolitan State University and expansion of college and university partnerships
2. Deploy new strategies such as comprehensive student services and improved pathways for students
3. Create an additional location accessible via public transportation

The Board will receive an update on each of these elements, including activities since the November Board meeting and associated next steps.