

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

**Name:** Ramon Padilla, Jr.

**Date:** March 17, 2015

**Title:** Rental Agreement with University of Minnesota Exceeding \$1 Million Dollars

**Purpose (check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed<br>New Policy or<br>Amendment to<br>Existing Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approvals<br>Required by<br>Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Approvals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /<br>Compliance                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Information                                   |   |

**Brief Description:**

The system office seeks approval to execute a new lease agreement with the University of Minnesota for rack space in the University of Minnesota's West Bank Office Building data center. Total consideration for the contract is not expected to exceed \$1.5 million, which requires approval by the Board of Trustees pursuant to *Board Policy 5.14 Contracts and Procurements*.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Brian Yolitz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities  
Ramon Padilla, Jr., Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

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<b>BOARD ACTION</b>
<b>Rental Agreement with the University of Minnesota Exceeding \$1 Million Dollars</b>

**BACKGROUND:** Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system office information technology services and facilities divisions have contracted with the University of Minnesota to utilize rack space for operating a data center at the West Bank Office Building in Minneapolis. This location houses Minnesota State Colleges and Universities enterprise applications. MnSCU has been leasing space from the University of Minnesota at this location since 2005. The system office seeks approval to execute a new lease agreement with the University of Minnesota for rack space in the University of Minnesota's West Bank Office Building data center. Total consideration for the contract is not expected to exceed \$1.5 million, which requires approval by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Board Policy 5.14 Contracts and Procurements.

The system office utilizes this data center as either a primary or secondary hosting facility for enterprise wide applications, and it is an integral part of business continuity and disaster recovery plans for enterprise applications, including Desire 2 Learn (D2L) and the Integrated Student Record System (ISRS). This data center leverages a relationship between the system office and the University of Minnesota. The cost of utilizing rack space at the University of Minnesota's data center is very reasonable when considering level of hosting facility, need size, and services.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Finance and Facilities committee recommends the Board of Trustees authorizes a five (5) year agreement through October 31, 2019 with the University of Minnesota at a total cost not to exceed \$1.5 million. The chancellor or his designee is authorized to execute all necessary documents.

**RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION:**

The Board of Trustees authorizes a five (5) year agreement through October 31, 2019 with the University of Minnesota at a total cost not to exceed \$1.5 million. The chancellor or his designee is authorized to execute all necessary documents.

*Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: March 18, 2015*