

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: May 21, 2008

Agenda Item: Pine Technical College Mission Approval

Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring

Information

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

Board Policy 3.24 System and Institutional Missions, Part 2: Review and Approval of Institutional Missions requires institutions to have new missions approved by the Board.

Presenters:

Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Robert L. Musgrove, President, Pine Technical College

Outline of Key Policy Issues:

The proposed vision, mission and purposes of Pine Technical College meet the criteria identified in MnSCU Board Policy 3.24 System and Institutional Missions, Part 2: Review and Approval of MnSCU Institutional Missions. The Higher Learning Commission requires accredited institutions to get approval from their governing boards for new missions.

Background Information:

The modification to the mission statement for Pine Technical College has been reviewed and found to meet all Board requirements for institutional missions. In last summer's review, officers of the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) recommended that the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees review the role of the Employment and Training Center (ETC) division of Pine Technical College. The OLA questioned the fit of the ETC, which provides social services on contract to counties in the area, in terms of its relevance to the college's mission and to the statutory requirements which frame the missions of colleges and of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The Office of the General Counsel, the Office of Internal Audit and the Division of Academic of Student Affairs have reviewed the function and services of the ETC with the administration of Pine Technical College, along with the language of the statutory provisions (Minnesota Statutes sections 136F and 135A) containing the mission statements. As a result of this study, Pine Technical College is proposing a modification of its mission statement to more clearly indicate the inclusion of social services in that mission.

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*ACTION ITEM***

Pine Technical College Mission Approval

BACKGROUND

The proposed modification to the mission of Pine Technical College meets the criteria identified in MnSCU Board Policy 3.24 System and Institutional Missions, Part 2: Review and Approval of MnSCU Institutional Missions.

The current mission of Pine Technical College is “Our mission is to provide superior education and services that enhance the communities we serve.”

Pine Technical College is proposing a modification to its mission statement to read as “Our mission is to provide superior education and social services that enhance the communities we serve.”

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the request by Pine Technical College to modify its mission.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

The Board of Trustees approves the request by Pine Technical College to modify its mission statement.