



## **Board of Trustees**

### **Dakota County Technical College January 18, 2012**

#### **MEETING SUMMARY**

*(This summary does not constitute the official minutes of the meeting.)*

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#### **Strategic Framework**

The Board of Trustees adopted a Strategic Framework for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The Strategic Framework replaces the Strategic Plan 2010-2014 and the action plan. The Strategic Framework is attached to this summary.

#### **Approval of External Audit Plan**

The Board of Trustees endorsed the following recommendations offered by the Executive Director of Internal Auditing and the Vice Chancellor – CFO regarding the next steps for future external audits for colleges and universities.

- The Office of Internal Auditing and the Finance Division will prepare a request for proposal (RFP) to solicit interest from external audit firms for financial statement audits for the two universities and five colleges with expired contracts for fiscal years 2012-2013. The Board of Trustees will take action on a recommended motion for the appointment of external audit firms for the seven institutions in April 2012.
- The Office of Internal Auditing and the Finance Division will work with the principal auditor (CliftonLarsonAllen) to amend their contract for one year, to expire after the fiscal year 2013 audit.

#### **Acquisition of Real Property, Bergwall Arena, Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical**

The Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of Bergwall Arena and all related rights located at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical at Red Wing from the school district, subject to final approval of the terms and conditions by the Chancellor or his designee. Upon purchase of the facility, the college shall set aside and maintain \$200,000 from its operating reserve to fund the demolition of the building within three years.



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## **Strategic Framework for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities play an essential role in growing Minnesota's economy and opening the doors of educational opportunity to all Minnesotans. To that end, we will:**

### **1. Ensure access to an extraordinary education for all Minnesotans**

- Our faculty and staff will provide the best education available in Minnesota, preparing graduates to lead in every sector of Minnesota's economy.
- We will continue to be the place of opportunity, making education accessible to all Minnesotans who seek a college, technical or university education; those who want to update their skills; and those who need to prepare for new careers.

### **2. Be the partner of choice to meet Minnesota's workforce and community needs**

- Our colleges and universities will be the partner of choice for businesses and communities across Minnesota to help them solve real-world problems and keep Minnesotans at the leading edge of their professions.
- Our faculty and staff will enable Minnesota to meet its need for a substantially better educated workforce by increasing the number of Minnesotans who complete certificates, diplomas and degrees.

### **3. Deliver to students, employers, communities and taxpayers the highest value / most affordable option**

- Our colleges and universities will deliver the highest value to students, employers, communities and taxpayers.
- We will be the highest value / most affordable higher education option.