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

Update the Board about the TRiO programs in the system and how TRiO supports the system’s mission and goals.

Scheduled Presenter(s):
Dr. Karen Johnson, Director Student Support Services, Winona State University
Dr. Jennifer Brookins-King, Director Student Support Services, Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Charles Black Lance, Director of TRiO Programs, Central Lakes College
Daniel Ellis, TRiO Alumnus

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:
• Background/history of TRiO
• TRiO programs in the system
• How TRiO connects with the system’s mission and goals

Background Information:
• TRiO personnel presented to the Board in 2002.
• Last fall the Minnesota TRiO Leadership requested another presentation, and the Chancellor agreed that it would be appropriate, because of changes in the Board membership and the increase in new TRiO programs since 2002.
1. TRiO programs, not an acronym, have operated in the Minnesota State College and University system since 1996. Currently 48 of the state’s 68 projects are in the system. These projects receive over $15 million in federal funding and serve over 12,600 students each year.

2. TRiO programs are funded by the US Department of Education and are designed to provide the services low-income and first generation youth and adults need in order to enroll and succeed in postsecondary education. Specific populations served by each program are as follows:

   - Talent Search: Middle and high school students and, in certain cases, adults.
   - Upward Bound: High school students.
   - Student Support Services: Eligible students enrolled in the host institution.
   - Educational Opportunity Center: Adults and, in certain cases, youth.
   - Veterans Upward Bound: Eligible military veterans.
   - McNair Scholars Program: College juniors and seniors preparing for graduate studies.

   Each program has federal regulations specifying: participant eligibility, services to be provided, allowable and unallowable costs, evaluation criteria.

3. Institutions must submit a competitive proposal every four years to receive funding. Funding during this four-year period is contingent on meeting proposed objectives.

4. TRiO last presented to the Board in 2002. Since that time the number of new projects has increased by 30%. It was felt that updating the Board was necessary in order to keep the Board informed about the background of the programs and how they support the mission and goals of the system.