MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Board of Trustees
Date of Meeting: November 19, 2008

Agenda Item: Major Topic Discussion: 2020 Planning

- Proposed Policy Change
- Approvals Required by Policy
- Other Approvals
- Monitoring
- Information

Cite Policy Requirement, or explain why item is on the Board Agenda

The Board of Trustees requested the opportunity to advance their 2020 planning discussions during the November meeting.

Scheduled Presenters:
Executive Committee of the Leadership Council

Background Information:
The Board of Trustees October Retreat resulted in the identification of five key themes:
1. Student-centered success
2. Organizational culture of change and innovation
3. Maximized teaching, learning and research environments
4. Supportive infrastructure and technologies
5. Financial sustainability and accountability

The Leadership Council discussed the themes on November 3 and expressed interest in setting an overall aspirational goal for the future. Presidents also suggested that it would be helpful to have a greater sense of the Trustees’ views of how the system might look and work in 2020. The Executive Committee of the Leadership Council will provide a summary overview of the Leadership Council discussions. The goal of this session will be to accept and further define the broad thematic areas as well as develop an outline to guide the ongoing 2020 planning. A general timeline is also provided in this packet for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

With the emphasis on student success, the following are potential examples of the types of aspirational goals the Board of Trustees may wish to consider:
1. Chancellor McCormick has shared the broad system goal that all Minnesotans who are ready and willing to enroll should have access to higher education regardless of financial or other constraints.
2. The system will increase degree attainment levels across the state of Minnesota.

Such an aspiration will require difficult and profound resource decisions and an ability to provide an increasing diversity of learners with the opportunity to succeed.
The Board of Trustees Retreat in October focused on 2020 planning and included presentations and breakout discussions concerning the future environment. The retreat resulted in the identification of five key themes for further development:

1. Student-centered success
2. Organizational culture of change and innovation
3. Maximized teaching, learning and research environments
4. Supportive infrastructure and technologies
5. Financial sustainability and accountability

The following provides a timeline for the development of bold initiatives within these thematic areas by the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Council.

- Board of Trustees’ Futures 2020 Retreat: October 2008
- Leadership Council Discussion: November 2008
- Board of Trustees’ Study Session: November 2008
- Leadership Futures Task Force: December 2008
- Board of Trustees: January 2009
- Leadership Futures and Full Council: February/March 2009
- Board of Trustees: March 2009
- Leadership Futures and Full Council: April 2009
- Board of Trustees first draft: May 2009
- Leadership Futures and Full Council: June 2009
- Board of Trustees final draft: July 2009

Opportunities to consult with key stakeholder groups will be sought throughout this process. For instance, system presidents are in the process of conducting extensive business and industry visits across the state which will provide substantial insights into the current and future needs of the Minnesota economy. In addition, the thematic focus on students and teaching and learning will provide context for discussions with students and faculty, staff, and other stakeholders concerning the future learning environment.