

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

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Academic and Student Affairs

**Date of Meeting:** April 15, 2009

**Agenda Item:** Proposed Partnership Between the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System and the Archibald Bush Foundation

Proposed Policy Change       Approvals Required by Policy       Other Approvals       Monitoring

Information

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

Discussion of a possible partnership between the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Archibald Bush Foundation.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Peter Hutchinson, President of Bush Foundation  
Susan Heegaard, Vice President and Educational Achievement Team Leader  
Lee-Hoon Benson, Program Officer

**Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee and representatives from the Bush Foundation will continue discussion to clarify a possible partnership to “recruit high-caliber teachers and improve teacher preparation and retention.” Specifically, this dialogue will identify the roles and responsibilities of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

**Background Information:**

In 2008, the Bush Foundation announced its goal to increase educational achievement in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Specifically, the Foundation's goal is that by 2018, 50 percent more students in those states (from pre-kindergarten through college) will be on track to earn a degree after high school and disparities among diverse student groups are eliminated. The Foundation’s key strategy in achieving this goal will be to create 25,000 new and effective teachers over the next decade.

Mr. Peter Hutchinson, President of the Bush Foundation, will provide an overview of the Foundation's goal to "increase educational achievement." Particular emphasis will be placed on the Bush Foundation's proposed efforts to recruit and retain "high-caliber" teachers and to improve teacher preparation.

Mr. Hutchinson has made presentations to the Board of Trustees at their January 2009 and March 2009 meetings.

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND  
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**BACKGROUND**

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Mr. Peter Hutchinson, President of the Bush Foundation, has met with organizations throughout the state to share insight on the Foundation's goal to "increase educational achievement;" this includes an October 2008 meeting with chief academic officers, deans, faculty and development officers from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Particular emphasis has been placed on the Bush Foundation's proposed efforts to recruit and retain "high-caliber" teachers and to improve teacher preparation.

Mr. Hutchinson has made presentations to the Board of Trustees at their January 2009 and March 2009 meetings. At both meetings, Mr. Hutchinson spoke of the Bush Foundation's desire to partner with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. The dialogue is now at a point where the Board of Trustees and representatives from the Bush Foundation must clarify respective roles, responsibilities, and financial costs of such a partnership.