



**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MARCH 17, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

**BOARD ROOM
WELLS FARGO PLACE
30 7TH STREET EAST
SAINT PAUL, MN**

Please note: Committee/Board meeting times are tentative. Committee/Board meetings may begin up to 45 minutes earlier than the times listed below if the previous committee meeting concludes its business before the end of its allotted time slot.

Committee Chair McElroy calls the meeting to order.

(1) **Bush Foundation's Goal to Increase Educational Achievement** (p. 1-2)

Members

Dan McElroy, Chair
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Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2009

Agenda Item: Bush Foundation's Goal to Increase Educational Achievement

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

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

Overview of the Bush Foundation's Current Goals and Programs

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Peter Hutchinson, president of Bush Foundation

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

Hutchinson will provide an overview of the Bush Foundation's current goals and programs, particularly its goal to "increase educational achievement."

Background Information:

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Mr. Hutchinson's presentation is a continuation of a dialogue that occurred during the Board of Trustees' January 2009 Advancement committee meeting.

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INFORMATION ITEM

BUSH FOUNDATION'S GOAL TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
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