

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2009

Agenda Item: Office of the Legislative Auditor's Program Evaluation of Occupational Programs

Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring

Information

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

This program evaluation was conducted by the Legislative Auditor at the request of legislators.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

James Nobles, Legislative Auditor
Jody Hauer, Project Manager
Valerie Bombach, Program Evaluator

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

- The public release of this report will occur on Monday, March 16, 2009. Therefore, the contents may not be disclosed publicly prior to that time.

Background Information:

- The evaluation was authorized by the Legislative Audit Commission. It will examine the criteria and processes MnSCU has used to add, change, and close occupational programs. It will assess the roles of individual colleges, the Office of the Chancellor, and the Board of Trustees, as well as the impact of state and federal laws. It will also examine how factors, such as employment trends, affect MnSCU's programming.

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**OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S
PROGRAM EVALUATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS**

BACKGROUND

The attached project description from the Office of the Legislative Auditor describes the scope and objectives of this study.

Advance copies of this report will be delivered to trustees prior to the March 17, 2009 audit committee meeting. Additional copies of the final report may be obtained from the Office of the Legislative Auditor web site: www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us starting on March 16, 2009.

Date Presented to the Board of Trustee: March 17, 2009