

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: May 19, 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:

The Board requested that this item be placed on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee's agenda for action.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The Bush Foundation's three new goal areas include the development of 25,000 new effective P-12 teachers in the next ten years. The foundation is interested in working with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to achieve that goal.

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

BOARD ACTION

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM AND THE ARCHIBALD BUSH FOUNDATION**

BACKGROUND

Following the April 15, 2009 meeting of the Education Policy Committee, Chair David Olson named three trustees to discuss the Bush Foundation proposal. They include Trustee McElroy, Trustee Benson and Trustee Sundin. The Chancellor joined the group discussion. A key issue expressed by the trustees was the need for more information related to the material Peter Hutchinson, President of the Bush Foundation, presented to the Board in March and April.

Working from a document created by staff in the Office of the Chancellor and the Bush Foundation, the work group developed a recommended Board Motion.

The university presidents discussed the Bush Foundation proposal during the May Leadership Council meeting. The Presidents identified several areas as needing more information or consideration. They suggested that the Board and the Chancellor in discussions with the Bush Foundation consider the following:

1. Clarify the plan for implementation (e.g. timeline, goals, funding).
2. Clarify the expectations and responsibilities of each party in the initiative- the Bush Foundation, the Office of the Chancellor and the individual campuses.
3. Gather and compile a concise document demonstrating the data-based evidence to support the Bush Foundation proposal.
4. Explore options to include an urban teacher component or pilot.
5. Recommend and set expectations for how Centers of Excellence in Teacher Education will share best practices and lessons learned from this initiative.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION:

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion;

RECOMMENDED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MOTION:

In order to educate and support effective teachers for Minnesota:

1. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees will work with the Bush Foundation to support the design, development and commitment to programs that produce effective teachers. These teacher education programs will prepare and assure the effectiveness of new teachers that graduate and teach in Minnesota classrooms.

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2. The Chancellor will work with the participating universities and the Bush Foundation to develop a plan by the fall of 2009 that will include proposals for:
 - a. Measures of the effectiveness of the teacher education graduates.
 - b. Policies and procedures recommended to support effective teacher preparation programs.
 - c. Funding mechanisms and resources from the Board of Trustees and the Bush Foundation that reward campuses for preparing and graduating effective teachers.
 - d. Key outcomes used to evaluate the success of the initiative.
3. The Chancellor and the Bush Foundation will report progress and recommend next steps to the Board in the fall of 2009.

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