

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Diversity and Multiculturalism Date of Meeting: May 19, 2009

**Agenda Item: The Center for College Readiness – Minnesota State Community
and Technical College**

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 allocated \$3.4 million in each year of the biennium for the establishment of three College Access and Opportunity Centers to increase the college readiness and college participation rates of underrepresented students. Board members have requested regular updates on the progress of the three centers.

Scheduled Presenters:

Michael Cary – Director, Center for College Readiness
Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Paul Carney – Program Coordinator, Ready or Not Writing and Step Write Up
Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Don Drummond – Program Coordinator, Math Works
Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The presenters will provide an overview of the Center for College Readiness, including the use of the Ready or Not Writing program, and other innovative instructional approaches, and the expansion of partnerships beyond those originally included in the center's activities.

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INFORMATION ITEM
The Center for College Readiness – Minnesota State Community and Technical College

BACKGROUND

Following a competitive Request for Proposal process, three College Access and Opportunity Centers were funded beginning in fiscal year 2008. The centers provide quarterly updates on their progress to the Office of the Chancellor. Summaries have been provided to the Board at previous meetings. Two of the centers have provided in-depth reports about their operations at the November and January meetings of the Board. This month, representatives from the Center for College Readiness at Minnesota State Community and Technical College will provide a comprehensive overview of their operation.