

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
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**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Advancement

**Date of Meeting:** January 21, 2008

**Agenda Item:** Overview of the Bush Foundation's Current Goals and Programs

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:**

Hutchinson appears at the request of Chair David Olson.

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<b>INFORMATION ITEM</b>
<b>Overview of the Bush Foundation's Current Goals and Programs</b>

**BACKGROUND**

In 2008, the Bush Foundation revealed its new strategic goals:

- **Develop Courageous Leaders and Engage Entire Communities in Solving Problems** – with a goal that by 2018, 75% of people in all demographic groups in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota say their community is effective at solving problems and improving their quality of life.
- **Support the Self-Determination of Native Nations** – with a goal that by 2018, all 23 Native nations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota are exercising self-determination and actively rebuilding the infrastructure of nationhood.
- **Increase Educational Achievement** – with a goal that by 2018 the percentage of students in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, from pre-kindergarten through college who are on track to earn a degree after high school, increases by 50% and disparities among diverse student groups are eliminated.

The Foundation is currently looking for partners across organizations, sectors, communities, the region and even the nation who can best determine the means to achieve these goals.

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