

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Diversity and Multiculturalism **Date of Meeting:** November 17, 2009

Agenda Item: Access, Opportunity and Success Programs for FY 2009

Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring

Information

City policy requirements, or explain reason for item to go before the Board:

Board members have requested regular updates on the progress of Access, Opportunity and Success programs at the colleges and universities.

Scheduled Presenters:

Mike López, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Shahzad Ahmad, Director, Multicultural Student Services, Saint Cloud State University

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

Dr. López will provide an overview of progress made by the three College Access and Opportunity Centers. In addition, Dr. López will provide a summary of college and university achievements in underrepresented student recruitment and retention made possible by the Access, Opportunity and Success funding, highlighting several programs that are especially successful.

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INFORMATION ITEM
ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS PROGRAMS FOR FY 2009

BACKGROUND

The colleges and universities received a total of \$7.4 million in fiscal year 2009 for activities designed to recruit and retain underrepresented students. An additional \$2.4 million was allocated to the three College Access and Opportunity Centers. The colleges and universities have all provided reports on their accomplishments during the year.

Recruitment and retention accomplishments have been summarized, and this information will be provided to the Board. In addition, Board members will hear descriptions of several programs that appear to be especially successful in retaining underrepresented students. The Advanced Preparation Program (APP) and the College Transition Institute (CTI) at St. Cloud State University will be highlighted.