

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Finance and Facilities

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2005

Agenda Item: Hurricane Katrina Resident Tuition Program

Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring

Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda: Minnesota Statute 136F.06, Powers and Duties, states that the board shall set tuition and fees and adopt suitable policies for the institutions it governs.

Scheduled Presenter(s): Laura M. King, Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues: The attached resolution will provide the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities the authority to charge resident tuition in lieu of non resident tuition to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Background Information: Hurricane Katrina displaced thousands of students who were enrolled at higher education institutions now closed for at least fall semester. The higher education community in the United States is making an effort to accommodate these displaced students and allow them to continue their education despite home institutions having to temporarily close due to Hurricane Katrina.

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ACTION ITEM
Hurricane Katrina Resident Tuition Program

BACKGROUND

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, tens of thousands of individuals have been displaced, including students enrolled at higher education institutions now temporarily closed as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are prepared to charge resident tuition in lieu of non resident tuition during the 2005-2006 academic year for any student who meets the following criteria:

- 1) Student was enrolled at a regionally accredited college or university temporarily closed due to Hurricane Katrina; and
- 2) Student will enroll at a Minnesota State College or University for fall and/or spring semester 2005-2006

RECOMMENDED MOTION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities community are sympathetic to those individuals impacted by the Hurricane Katrina disaster; and

WHEREAS, higher education institutions in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana have been closed due to the affects of Hurricane Katrina, and therefore; preventing thousands of students from continuing their education; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 136F.06, Powers and Duties, the Board of Trustees has authority to set tuition and fees and adopt suitable policies for the institutions it governs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has approved pilot projects at identified System colleges and universities allowing them to charge resident tuition rates to non resident students; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends to the Board of Trustees to charge resident tuition in lieu of non resident tuition for the 2005-2006 academic year for students who were enrolled at a regionally accredited college or university now closed due to Hurricane Katrina ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees concurs with the efforts of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accommodating students impacted by Hurricane Katrina in accordance with the Chancellor's recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor the authority to determine eligibility and implementation criteria for this program.

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