

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

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** November 13, 2007

**Agenda Item:** Internal Auditing Report on Student Success Measures and Systems

Proposed Policy Change       Approvals Required by Policy       Other Approvals       Monitoring

Information

**Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:**

Based on the findings of the report on student success measures, the audit committee recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a motion which would require the colleges and universities to fully implement DARS and CAS by December 31, 2007 or receive approval from the Senior Vice Chancellor and the Chair of the Audit Committee for a later implementation plan and timeline.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Scott Thiss, Audit Committee Chair  
Linda Baer, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

**Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:**

- The audit focused on (1) testing student success measurements, which are a component of the system-wide accountability framework, and (2) implementation of MnSCU systems intended to facilitate student academic progress for transfer and degree completion

**Background Information:**

- On October 17, 2007 the Office of Internal Auditing released publicly the final report on Student Success Measures and Systems.
- Vice Chancellor Baer sent a letter to all presidents requiring colleges and universities that had not fully implemented DARS and CAS to submit an implementation plan by November 2, 2007.

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<b>BOARD ACTION</b>
INTERNAL AUDITING REPORT ON STUDENT SUCCESS MEASURES AND SYSTEMS

**BACKGROUND**

The public release of this audit report occurred at the October 17, 2007 audit committee meeting. Copies of the final report and the October audit committee PowerPoint presentation may be obtained from the Office of Internal Auditing web site: [www.internalauditing.mnscu.edu/Reports.html](http://www.internalauditing.mnscu.edu/Reports.html).

The audit committee made the following action at the October committee meeting:

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

*The Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:*

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

*The Colleges and universities need to fully implement DARS and CAS by December 31, 2007 or receive approval from the Senior Vice Chancellor and the Chair of the Audit Committee for an implementation plan and timeline later than December 31, 2007, but in no event later than the academic year.*

*Date Presented to the Board of Trustee: November 13, 2007*