

# Designing the Future

## Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Strategic Plan 2002-2005

### Strategic directions and goals

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will pursue four strategic directions to fulfill its vision, mission and guiding principles.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION: INCREASE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

*The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will provide more people from different backgrounds with the opportunity to experience the benefits of higher education.*

- Goal 1 Expand post-secondary participation
- Goal 2 Increase the participation of under-served students
- Goal 3 Make learning environments inviting and safe
- Goal 4 Increase support for higher education
- Goal 5 Maintain affordability
- Goal 6 Establish partnerships with elementary and secondary educators to prepare students and teachers

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION: EXPAND HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

*The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will provide students with a full range of high-quality learning programs and services that respond to student needs and document student achievement.*

- Goal 7 Develop lifelong learners and engaged citizens
- Goal 8 Provide up-to-date education and training for work and careers
- Goal 9 Expand graduate education
- Goal 10 Offer electronic learning options
- Goal 11 Meet the full range of student learning needs

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC VITALITY

*The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will work in new and collaborative ways to maintain and build vital communities and economies at the local, regional and state levels.*

- Goal 12 Contribute to vital communities
- Goal 13 Support state and local economic development initiatives
- Goal 14 Establish state and regional collaborations
- Goal 15 Work collaboratively with other higher education providers

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION: FULLY INTEGRATE THE SYSTEM

*The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will become a more fully coordinated and integrated system of distinct higher education institutions that provide high-quality education.*

- Goal 16 Recruit and invest in excellent faculty, staff and administrators
- Goal 17 Develop integrated plans
- Goal 18 Serve as good stewards of capital assets
- Goal 19 Improve transfer processes
- Goal 20 Align the system's technology infrastructure
- Goal 21 Strengthen financial systems and processes

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities holds three principles above all others in everything that the system strives to accomplish:

#### Student focus

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will focus on helping students achieve their personal, learning and career goals.

#### Community success

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will educate people committed to building and maintaining the vital civic and economic institutions that contribute to thriving communities.

#### Stewardship

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will continuously earn the public's trust by efficiently and effectively managing the system's human, fiscal and facilities resources.

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