MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs   **Date of Meeting:** May 18, 2010

Agenda Item: Process for Naming of Programmatic Centers

Proposed Policy Change	Approvals Required by Policy	Other Approvals	Monitoring
Information			

Cite Policy Requirement, or explain why item is on the Board Agenda

The Chair of the Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee requested an opportunity to discuss emerging programmatic centers within the context of the Centers of Excellence initiative.

Scheduled Presenters:

Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Background Information:

The recent focus on the industry satisfaction and institutional partnership efforts within the Board designated Centers of Excellence has,

- Global Studies: A Request for Statements of Interest was sent to institutions within the past year with specific focus on international/global center designation leading to submissions from several state colleges and universities.
- Agriculture: Discussions regarding Farm Business Management have surfaced the need for an overarching approach to address the workforce education and training needs for the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources industry sector and sub-sectors. The concept envisions a clear partnership between the agri-industry, education, government, and private sector leaders.
- Biosciences: Proposals for a Bioscience Center of Excellence were considered in fall 2005 but none were selected for designation by the Board of Trustees. During the past five years a number of institutions have developed greater capacity in this area and there has been a significant system-wide effort for program development and coordination within the biosciences.

If the system were to formally recognize Minnesota Centers or Centers of Excellence, a process would need to be developed. The impetus for naming of a center could include requiring the system or an institution to request designation through a process and criteria such as the following:
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