

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

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Advancement

**Date of Meeting:** November 16, 2010

**Agenda Item:** Legislative Issues

Proposed  
Policy Change

Approvals  
Required by  
Policy

Other  
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

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

Review of state legislative affairs and issues.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Mary Davenport, director of government relations

Christopher Halling, system director for student financial aid

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

Election outcomes

2011 legislative session preview



### **2011 Legislative Session Key Dates**

December 2, 2010	November Economic Forecast Released
December 6, 2010	Leadership Council Legislative Session Orientation
January 3, 2011	New Governor Takes Oath of Office
January 4, 2011	2011 Legislative Session Convenes
January 2011	Governor's State of the State Address
February 15, 2011	Deadline for Governor's Budget Recommendations
Late February 2011	February Economic Forecast Released
May 23, 2011	Last Day of Session

It is also anticipated that a supplemental state capital/bonding bill may be introduced and include system projects that didn't make it into the final bonding bill as a result of veto.

### **2011 Legislative Advocacy**

Various advocacy strategies will be used throughout the session to support the system's budget request. The overarching goals of the 2011 Legislative session are to:

1. Increase the awareness and appreciation of the system's contributions to the state by lawmakers, legislative staff and those who influence them.
2. Obtain the maximum possible amount of state funding for the priorities outlined in the budget request approved by the Board of Trustees, and

The Government Relations team in the Office of the Chancellor lead the advocacy efforts, but all the divisions within the Office of the Chancellor play important and active roles. College and university presidents and their campus communities are an integral part of the process for building support for the 2011 legislative priorities. Constituency groups are also important and are encouraged to become engaged in support of the 2012-2013 biennial operating budget request through the Friends Advocacy Network and other activities.