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INFORMATION ITEM

SPOTLIGHT: EMERGING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
UNIVERSITIES IN MEXICO AND
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BACKGROUND

At each board meeting, the board pauses to spotlight students or the work of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of students. This month's presentation will spotlight emerging partnerships to promote international exchange between Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and universities in Mexico.

Following the announcement of the U.S.–Mexico Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation and Research by President Barack Obama and President Enrique Peña Nieto, recently eleven Minnesota State Colleges and Universities hosted a delegation of leaders representing six universities in Mexico. The visit focused on Mexico's *Proyecto 100,000* program which aims to send 100,000 Mexican students to the U.S. and to receive 50,000 U.S. students in Mexico by 2018.

Hennepin Technical College President Cecilia Cervantes, St. Cloud State University President Earl Potter, and Hennepin Technical College Dean of Business Therese Salber will report on the visit. Consul Alberto Fierro Garza of the Consul of Mexico will address the board as well.

Mexican universities represented in the visiting delegation

f Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo
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