

**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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BOARD ACTION
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.

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

Student Success Measures Update

College or University	Data Integrity				Functionality for Students		Functionality used by College or University			Proposed Plan Implementation Date
	Program Encoding	Transfers entered	Exceptions entered	Course equivalencies established	DARS reports	CAS reports	Transfer evaluation / review	Graduation review	Counseling / advising activities	
North Hennepin Community College	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA
Northland Comm. and Tech. College	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	12/31/2007
Northwest Tech. College - Bemidji	P	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	6/30/2008
Pine Technical College	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S	12/31/2007
Rainy River Community College	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	4/30/2008
Ridgewater College	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	12/31/2007
Riverland Community College	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S	12/31/2007
Rochester Comm. and Tech. College	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA
Saint Paul College	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S	12/31/2007
South Central Technical College	S	S	S	P	S	N	S	S	S	12/31/2007
Southwest MN State University	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA
St. Cloud State University	N	S	N	S	N	P	S	N	N	6/30/2008
St. Cloud Technical College	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	6/1/2008
Vermilion Community College	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S	12/31/2007
Winona State University	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA

Legend: **S** - Substantially Implemented **P** – Partially Implemented **N**- Not Implemented