

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
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**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Academic and Student Affairs      **Date of Meeting:** July 19, 2011

**Agenda Item:** Shakespeare with Power Tools and Beyond

- Proposed Policy Change       Approvals Required by Policy       Other Approvals       Monitoring
- Information

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

The committee expressed a desire to invite two recently retired college presidents to share their perspectives about how colleges currently balance the range of programs offered to ensure that students are prepared for further education and/or work.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Scott R. Olson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs  
Sue Hammersmith, President, Metro State University  
Larry Litecky, Retired President  
Donovan Schwichtenberg, Retired President

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

How does the system ensure that today's college students are prepared for the workforce of the future?

How can our limited resources be best deployed to meet the growing needs of students and employers?

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<b>INFORMATION ITEM</b>
SHAKESPEARE WITH POWER TOOLS AND BEYOND

**BACKGROUND**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee periodically sets aside time during its meeting to gain insights and discuss in greater depth a topic with broad policy implications.

This month the committee has invited two recently retired, long-term college presidents to share their insights about the role of the two-year college in preparing students for the future workforce. Retired Presidents Larry Litecky and Donovan Schwichtenburg will discuss how colleges balance and align the many aspects of the community and technical college mission – from Shakespeare and power tools to “Shakespeare with power tools and beyond.”