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1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

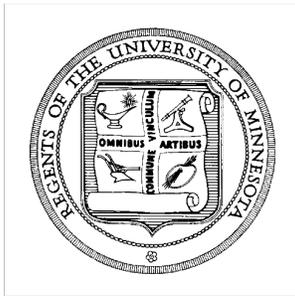
600 McNamara Alumni Center, Boardroom

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AGENDA

1. Strategic Positioning Update - R. Bruininks/S. Cawley/T. Mulcahy (pp. 2-3)



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Agenda Item: Strategic Positioning Update

review review/action action discussion

Presenters: President Robert H. Bruininks
Vice President Steve Cawley
Vice President Timothy Mulcahy

Purpose:

policy background/context oversight strategic positioning

To provide the Board of Regents with a progress report on efforts to align planning in the areas of research and information technology to better address long-term trends and position the University for success.

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The Board of Regents has received numerous reports describing the significant progress made in strategic positioning priority areas over the past five years. This presentation will focus on the following two areas of distinction and related goals, particularly as they relate to critical planning for the future of the University of Minnesota:

1. Research Infrastructure – Develop a strategic approach to planning research infrastructure that improves forecasting, informs decision making, and permits nimble responses to new opportunities in order to increase capacity, competitiveness, and support of the highest quality research.
2. Six-Year Information Technology Plan – Identify and invest in technology projects and services that are truly transformative to the institution while maintaining the infrastructure necessary to support them.

Background Information:

To date, the president and key academic and administrative officers of the University have presented more than 100 reports to the Board of Regents – in regular and customized reports to individual committees, in work sessions, and in full Board of Regents meetings – highlighting the significant progress being made in key strategic positioning priority areas over the past five years. This presentation adds to the breadth of the administration’s reporting to the Board of Regents on strategic priority areas by focusing on specific goals and plans for enhancing the University’s research and information technology agendas.