

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
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**Board of Regents Work Session**

**Thursday, October 13, 2011**

**1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

**600 McNamara Alumni Center, Boardroom**

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**AGENDA**

1. The Landscape of Higher Education - E. Kaler (p. 2)



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**Agenda Item:** The Landscape of Higher Education

review       review/action       action       discussion

**Presenters:** President Eric W. Kaler

**Purpose:**

policy       background/context       oversight       strategic positioning

To present information on higher education issues affecting the University of Minnesota, with specific focus on the characteristics of the modern research institution, financial access for undergraduates, linkages to secondary education and other higher education systems, and the importance of graduate education.

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

This presentation will provide a discussion framework for how the University of Minnesota fits into the landscape of higher education in the State of Minnesota and the United States, with particular attention paid to the University's status as a comprehensive, public research institution. Topics to be covered in the work session include:

- Federal higher education policy and the focus on undergraduate education;
- How public universities are developing new financial models to face the challenges of declining state support;
- The role of tuition and financial aid policy in providing access to the University of Minnesota;
- Demographic trends and the effect on University admissions strategy;
- The need for better linkages with the University's primary providers of students, including K-12 education and the MnSCU system; and
- Trends associated with graduate and professional education.