

# Designing the Future: Minnesota State Colleges & Universities Strategic Plan 2006-2010

## Strategic Directions and Goals Summary

### Strategic Direction 1:

#### Increase access and opportunity

- Goal 1.1 Raise Minnesota's participation and achievement in post-secondary education by meeting the needs of students with diverse backgrounds and educational goals.
- Goal 1.2 Maintain an affordable cost of attendance for Minnesota residents.
- Goal 1.3 Work with other organizations to prepare all young people to graduate from high school and enroll in college ready for success.

### Strategic Direction 2:

#### Promote and measure high-quality learning programs and services

- Goal 2.1 Demonstrate high quality in all educational programs.
- Goal 2.2 Produce graduates who have strong, adaptable and flexible skills.
- Goal 2.3 Provide multiple delivery options for educational programs and student services.

### Strategic Direction 3:

#### Provide programs and services integral to state and regional economic needs

- Goal 3.1 As a major partner in educating Minnesota's workforce, participate in identifying and meeting regional and statewide economic development priorities.
- Goal 3.2 Support regional vitality by contributing artistic, cultural and civic assets that attract employees and other residents seeking a high quality of life.
- Goal 3.3 Develop each institution's capacity to be engaged in and add value to its region.

### Strategic Direction 4:

#### Innovate to meet current and future educational needs efficiently

- Goal 4.1 Build organizational capacity for change to meet future challenges.
- Goal 4.2 Reward and support institutions, administrators, faculty and staff for innovations that advance excellence and efficiency.
- Goal 4.3 Identify and remove barriers to innovation and responsiveness.
- Goal 4.4 Hire and develop leaders who will initiate and support innovation throughout the system.
- Goal 4.5 Promote accountability for results through a system of accessible reports to the public and other stakeholders.



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### Vision

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will enable the people of Minnesota to succeed by providing the most accessible, highest value education in the nation.

### Mission

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system of distinct and collaborative institutions offers higher education that meets the personal and career goals of a wide range of individual learners, enhances the quality of life for all Minnesotans and sustains vibrant economies throughout the state.

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