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IFO, MSCF, and MnSCU Agree to Move Forward Together with Charting the Future Agreement

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 2, 2015 – The Inter Faculty Organization (IFO), Minnesota State College Faculty (MSCF), Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Administration and MnSCU Board of Trustees have agreed to move forward cooperatively and collaboratively to secure the future of our 410,000 students and for the state of Minnesota. Following multiple meetings, with the assistance of the Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS), MSCF and IFO have agreed to rejoin the strategic planning process, Charting the Future.

We agree on the importance of moving Charting the Future forward with increased input and ownership from all constituent groups (faculty, staff and students) in a manner which acknowledges and respects the two years of work many individuals have contributed to Charting the Future, and the desire for additional campus-based discussion.

The highlights of the agreement include:

- The Charting the Future process will become a campus-based regional process.
- The purpose of the regional teams is to develop recommendations that support the six principles of Charting the Future.
- The Board of Trustees is committed to ongoing dialogue and study sessions on issues critical to the future of higher education.
- The parties to this agreement are committed to working in good faith and respectfully to resolve any future differences.

We remain united around our budget request of \$142 million. Full funding of the request will enable Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to:

- Protect programs on our campuses so we can continue to serve students and meet the workforce needs of Minnesota
- Protect our ability to deliver these programs
- Protect affordability to ensure access for all Minnesotans

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