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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 7, 2007

TO: Presidents  
Vice Chancellors Laura King, Bill Tschida and Ken Niemi  
Inter Faculty Organization  
Minnesota State College Faculty Association  
Minnesota State College Student Association  
Minnesota State University Student Association

*Linda L. Baer*

FROM: Linda L. Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and  
Chair, Enterprise Investment Committee

SUBJECT: December 3<sup>rd</sup> Enterprise Investment Committee Meeting Update

The Enterprise Investment Committee (EIC) held its quarterly meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The following summarizes outcomes from that meeting.

The meeting began with a discussion of the Pioneer Press article regarding the system's technology spending. Regardless of detractors, the EIC has affirmed that it is carrying out its charter responsibly, is on target, and performing in accordance with the Board's direction. Following input from Public Affairs and Government Relations, the committee called for additional, proactive, internal and external communications in non-technical language, possibly in conjunction with live demonstrations at the campuses to illustrate the true nature and value of each initiative.

Status of projects prioritized at the September meeting and early project successes were reported. In addition, two project amendments were requested. The EIC decided to:

- Approve an additional expenditure for the Vulnerability Management project to allow for hardware maintenance; and
- Defer its decision to grant additional funding for the APPS project licensing pending further information regarding re-architecture costs, component coordination, and budget status of other prioritized projects.

The Portfolio Management Office (PMO) continues to administer and provide project milestone reporting for this process. Please visit the PMO web site for project details at [www.its.mnscu.edu/projects](http://www.its.mnscu.edu/projects) or contact Jim Dillemath, System Director, Portfolio Management Office, at 651.201.1438 or [jim.dillemath@csu.mnscu.edu](mailto:jim.dillemath@csu.mnscu.edu).

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An overview of the eFolio project was presented. The EIC has asked for additional details on the overall total costs for the re-architecture effort, the potential for phasing the requested work effort and coordination of the Career eFolio components.

The EIC also revisited its governance process. Based on constituent input and considerable discussion, it was determined that increased student, faculty and cross-functional staff input should be formalized in the process. As a result, the EIC recommends for Leadership Council endorsement and Chancellor approval the addition of an advisory step in the governance model that invites student, faculty and cross-functional staff input before the business cases receive final EIC review. A draft model depicting this amendment is attached.

Lastly, a schedule for activity and events associated with the writing, submission and evaluation of future business cases is attached. This will be published so that all channels are familiar with the upcoming opportunities and deadlines associated with the governance process.

As we prepare to address FY09 project priorities and funding, I would like recognize the work of this committee and thank its members for their very thoughtful and committed approach to this new process, its ramifications, and change management in general. The process is working and will continually be refined as we look strategically at the technology needs and the future of the system.

#### Attachments

c: James H. McCormick, Chancellor  
Jim Dillemath, Project Management Office