



To: The Higher Education Study Committee
From: Minnesota Career Colleges Association
Re: Follow Up to Presentation on May 21

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the role our institutions play in meeting the needs of Minnesota students. We are ready to assist your committee in anyway possible as you continue your process.

In summary, the following items are priorities for our association as we continue to participate in the higher education community:

- A student's right to choose and have access to the type of higher educational institution that best fits their goals and learning style is fundamental to an effective educational system.
- Establish a single definition of a "higher educational institution" so that future legislation includes all eligible institutions and provides the widest possible access for students – these definitions impact student access to programs such as the child care grant and postsecondary educational opportunities.
- Review existing regulatory statutes 141 and 136 to determine where institutions belong under the current legislation – MCCA institutions have changed significantly since Chapter 141 was written and implemented. Included is a summary that was prepared for Susan Heegaard in regard to this change.