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MnSCU faculty and administration pledge cooperation on Charting the Future strategic plan

ST. PAUL, Minn., January 27, 2015 – The leaders of the administration and faculty of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities issued a joint statement Tuesday in response to Gov. Mark Dayton’s decision to include no additional funding at this time in his proposed budget for the state’s largest system of higher education.

Dayton has cited the disagreements regarding the Charting the Future strategic plan as a reason for his decision. MnSCU administrators and the leaders of the Inter Faculty Organization and the Minnesota State College Faculty organizations will have no comment Tuesday beyond the following statement.

“We take the governor’s decision not to recommend new funding for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) at this time very seriously and we appreciate the governor’s commitment to supporting MnSCU and its vital mission of ensuring access to an affordable, high value education for all Minnesotans and meeting the workforce needs of Minnesota.

We understand and share the governor’s concerns and are taking positive steps and having substantive dialogue to resolve our disagreements regarding Charting the Future. We are all committed to continuing our progress and are confident of a positive outcome. All MnSCU faculty and staff have a passionate commitment to improving the lives of our students through education and look forward to working with the governor on a budget that ultimately meets the needs of our students and the state of Minnesota.”

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