

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Minutes of the

### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday and Friday, September 7-8, 2006  
University of North Dakota and UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Grand Forks, North Dakota  
Mayville State University  
Mayville, North Dakota

Senator Ray Holmberg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2006, in the Student Wellness Center at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

**Members present:** Senators Ray Holmberg, Tim Flakoll, Tony Grindberg, Nicholas P. Hacker, Ed Kringstad, Elroy N. Lindaas, David O'Connell; Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Tom Brusegaard, Lois Delmore, Kathy Hawken, Bob Martinson, Darrell D. Nottestad, Mark S. Owens, Earl Rennerfeldt

**Members absent:** Senator Dave Nething; Representatives Mary Ekstrom, Nancy Johnson, Andrew G. Maragos, Steven L. Zaiser

**Others present:** Louise Potter, State Representative, Grand Forks

Lee Kaldor, State Representative, Mayville

See Appendix A for additional persons present.

**It was moved by Representative Nottestad, seconded by Representative Delmore, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the May 10-11, 2006; June 13, 2006; and July 13, 2006, meetings be approved as distributed.**

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA AND UND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES - BUDGET TOUR

Dr. Charles E. Kupchella, President, University of North Dakota, welcomed the committee and provided information on the status of the university. The information is included in the committee's tour packet, a copy of which is on file in the Legislative Council office. He said the university's strategic plan is linked to the Higher Education Roundtable and each of the goals in the strategic plan has specific measures and other indicators of success that are being monitored by the university. He said the university is positioning itself to rise to a ranking well within the top 100 doctoral and research universities in the United States. He said the university's challenges include salaries, demographics, funding levels, and research infrastructure.

Dr. Robert H. Boyd, Vice President for Student and Outreach Services, University of North Dakota, provided information regarding the university's enrollment status and trends. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the

mission of enrollment management at the university is to achieve and maintain a student recruitment, enrollment, retention, and completion rate that is appropriate for the university. He said one of the university's strategic plan goals is to achieve total enrollment of 15,000 students by the fall of 2010, with approximately 12,500 served on campus and 2,500 served through distance education. He said the university is targeting recruitment in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. He said the university's fall 2005 enrollment is summarized as follows:

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Increase (Decrease)
Headcount enrollment	13,187	12,954	(233)
Full-time enrollment	10,601	10,270	(331)
Part-time enrollment	2,586	2,684	98
On-campus enrollment	11,819	11,963	144
Correspondence enrollment	220	221	1
Distance education enrollment	1,148	770	(378)

In response to a question from Senator Flakoll, Dr. Boyd said the university enrolls a minimal number of home school students.

In response to a question from Representative Aarsvold, Dr. Boyd said the North Dakota University System has had discussions regarding whether the University System should be marketed to the students in the targeted states instead of marketing individual higher education institutions to students in the targeted states. He said students do not typically select a higher education institution in that manner, rather by academic reputation, job placement reputation, distance, and perceived cost versus value.

Dr. Greg Weisenstein, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of North Dakota, provided information regarding educational excellence efforts of the university. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said some of the university's innovative academic programs include airport management, aviation, entrepreneurship, forensic psychology, public administration, and space studies. He said the university has articulation agreements with 12 North Dakota higher education institutions, 35 Minnesota higher education institutions, and 35 institutions in 14 other states.

In response to a question from Senator Hacker, Dr. Weisenstein said the university has approximately

760 international students, scholars, and dependents representing 66 different countries.

Mr. Nate Martindale, student, University of North Dakota, provided a student perspective on the importance of educational excellence and accessibility. He said he is concerned with the recent increases in tuition and fees. He said the state should consider increasing its investment in higher education.

Mr. Robert Gallagher, Vice President for Finance and Operations, University of North Dakota, provided information regarding the university's capital improvement projects. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the campus and majority of buildings are in good to excellent condition. He said although energy costs are increasing, energy efficiency improvements are reducing the impact of those increased costs. He said the university's current capital improvement projects include renovation of Squires Hall cafeteria and construction of a student wellness center, a campus center parking structure, a student housing facility, the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research, and the National Center for Hydrogen Technology. He said the university has approximately \$60.1 million of deferred maintenance, of which \$40.4 million is associated with state-funded buildings and \$19.7 million is associated with non-state-funded buildings. He said the university's capital improvement requests for the 2007-09 biennium include:

Project	Cost	Funding Source
O'Kelly Hall and Ireland Laboratory renovation	\$2,200,000	Appropriated funds
Allied health - UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences	\$20,400,000	Nonappropriated funds
Laboratory and support renovations - UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences	\$9,800,000	Nonappropriated funds
Indoor track facility	\$15,000,000	Nonappropriated funds
Wilkerson dining center renovation	\$4,000,000	Nonappropriated funds
American Indian center	\$10,000,000	Nonappropriated funds
Earth systems sciences building	\$5,000,000	Nonappropriated funds
Memorial Union front entrance	\$4,500,000	Nonappropriated funds
Bismarck center for family practice and University of North Dakota graduate center	\$4,500,000	Nonappropriated funds
Energy and Environmental Research Center commercialization center	\$5,000,000	Nonappropriated funds

Dr. Peter Alfonso, Vice President for Research, University of North Dakota, provided information regarding research and economic development efforts of the university. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the university had \$94.9 million of sponsored program awards and \$82.9 million of grants and contracts awards for fiscal year 2006. He said the North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research program has significantly contributed to the research growth at the university. He said the university has been awarded \$7 million of funding for the following centers of excellence:

National Center for Hydrogen Technology	\$2,500,000
Center for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Simulation Applications	1,000,000
Center for Life Sciences and Advanced Technology	3,500,000
Total	\$7,000,000

Dr. Gerald H. Groenewald, Director, Energy and Environmental Research Center, provided comments regarding the Energy and Environmental Research Center and the National Center for Hydrogen Technology. He said the Energy and Environmental Research Center is a high-tech, nonprofit branch of the University of North Dakota. He said the center conducts research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities and is dedicated to moving promising technologies out of the laboratory and into the commercial marketplace. He said the center's new \$3 million facility for the National Center for Hydrogen Technology will allow the center to capitalize on the growth in hydrogen-related projects.

Ms. Alice Brekke, Budget Director, University of North Dakota, provided information regarding funding challenges and opportunities. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. She said the university's spending for the 2005-07 biennium is on track with budgeted expenditures. She said the university's tuition and fee rates for the 2005-06 school year were below the regional average, the national average, and the average of peer comparator institutions. She said the university provided faculty and staff salary increases of 5.2 percent and 5 percent, respectively, for fiscal year 2006 and the university anticipates providing a 3 percent salary increase to faculty and staff for fiscal year 2007. She said the university's 2007-09 budget request for campus operations based on the provisions adopted by the State Board of Higher Education is summarized as follows:

General fund increase included in base budget request	\$13,520,538
Estimated additional tuition revenue (5 percent increase per year)	7,600,250
Total additional funds available for the 2007-09 biennium	\$21,120,788
Costs to continue, annual salary increases (5 percent increase per year), estimated health insurance premium increase, and operating inflation for the 2007-09 biennium	\$18,670,195
Funds available for strategic priorities	2,450,593
Total additional funds available for the 2007-09 biennium	\$21,120,788

Dr. H. David Wilson, Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, provided information regarding the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. A copy of the information is on file in the Legislative Council office. He said the mission of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences is to educate and prepare North Dakota students as physicians, medical scientists, and other health professionals for service to the people of North Dakota and the nation and to advance medical and biomedical knowledge through research.

Dr. Wilson said the Association of American Medical Colleges recommends medical schools increase enrollment by 30 percent to meet the need for physicians in the future. He said the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has increased enrollment by 9 percent and is considering an additional increase of 8 to 10 students per year; however, the medical school faces constraints with clinical sites, faculty, and space.

Dr. Wilson said medical students continue to demonstrate a preference for medical subspecialties over primary care. He said reasons for the declining interest in primary care include less flexible lifestyle, limited financial incentives, high student debt, and low prestige. He said the specialty choices of UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences graduates from 1995 to 2005 are summarized as follows:

Family medicine	147
Internal medicine	73
Obstetrics and gynecology	61
Pediatrics	51
Total - Primary care	332
General surgery	48
Emergency medicine	46
Radiology	24
Pathology	19
Orthopedic surgery	16
Psychiatry	16
Anesthesia	14
Neurology	12
Ophthalmology	9
Dermatology	8
Total - Medical subspecialties	212

Dr. Wilson said tuition and fees for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences for the 2006-07 school year are \$21,753. He said tuition and

fees for the medical school have increased 50.8 percent from 1999 to 2006 compared to increases of 28 percent for Minnesota and 22.8 percent for South Dakota.

Dr. Wilson said the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences budget request for the 2007-09 biennium based on the provisions adopted by the State Board of Higher Education is summarized as follows:

General fund increase included in base budget request	\$3,261,826
Estimated additional tuition revenue (5 percent increase per year)	1,374,730
Total additional funds available for the 2007-09 biennium	\$4,636,556
Costs to continue, annual salary increases (5 percent increase per year), estimated health insurance premium increase, and operating inflation for the 2007-09 biennium	\$4,476,097
Funds available for strategic priorities	160,459
Total additional funds available for the 2007-09 biennium	\$4,636,556

Dr. Wilson said the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has the following additional priority needs:

Primary care and health prevention initiative, including additional support for the Department of Family and Community Medicine (\$1,500,000), additional faculty for the Center for Rural Health (\$500,000), and health promotion and prevention (\$2,000,000)	\$4,000,000
Forensic pathology branch	1,500,000
Microbiology and immunology specialists	700,000
Total	\$6,200,000

Ms. Kirsten Juhl, student, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, provided information regarding her experience at the medical school. She said students at the medical school have experienced significant tuition increases during the past several years. She said the average student debt level has increased from \$65,000 in 1995 to \$130,000 in 2005. She said the increase in the level of student debt has attributed to the decrease in the number of students interested in primary care, as that area pays less than specialties. She said the state should consider incentives, such as increasing wages for primary care physicians and enhancing the state community matching physician loan repayment program.

The committee recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

## OTHER ITEMS

Ms. Alice Hoffert, Vice President for Enrollment Management, University of North Dakota, provided information regarding the potential impact of the Minnesota proposed free tuition program on the North Dakota University System. A copy of the information is on file in the Legislative Council office. She said Governor Tim Pawlenty has proposed a free college tuition program for top students in Minnesota. She said the proposed program provides that all Minnesota high school students who graduate in the top 25 percent of their class or post a comparable ACT score may attend their first two years of public college for free. She said students' third and fourth years of college would also be free if they major in a mathematics or science field. She said the program is estimated to cost approximately \$112 million for the 2007-09 biennium.

For over 30 years, Ms. Hoffert said North Dakota and Minnesota have operated under a tuition reciprocity agreement that allows students to attend a postsecondary institution in either state at the higher of the two states' resident tuition rates. She said for the fall 2005 semester, 8,305 Minnesota resident students attended a college or university in North Dakota. She said approximately 92 percent of those students were enrolled at North Dakota State University, the State College of Science, and the University of North Dakota. She said conservatively 400 to 600 Minnesota students enrolled in North Dakota colleges and universities could choose to remain in Minnesota to access the free tuition program. She said this is equivalent to a 15 to 18 percent enrollment loss of incoming freshmen across the North Dakota University System. She said it is estimated the Minnesota free tuition program could result in the direct loss of approximately \$5.5 million in tuition and fees, room, and board revenue for the North Dakota University System. She said revenue losses of this magnitude would result in a dramatic increase in costs to remaining students and a dramatic decrease in the number of academic programs available to students. She said the estimated total state impact of the Minnesota free tuition program for one year is approximately \$27.5 million.

Ms. Hoffert said the proposed free tuition program will be introduced to the Minnesota Legislature in January 2007. If passed, she said, the earliest implementation of the program for Minnesota students would be the fall of 2007. She said the implementation of the program allows North Dakota little time to react because the North Dakota Legislative Assembly operates on a biennial basis and the 2007 Legislative Assembly will have ended before May 2007 when action on the Minnesota bill is expected.

Ms. Hoffert said the *Measuring Up 2006: The State Report Card on Higher Education* prepared by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher

Education provides that North Dakota's investment in need-based financial aid is very low when compared with top-performing states and North Dakota does not offer low-priced college opportunities.

Ms. Hoffert said the committee assigned the responsibility of determining the potential impact of the Minnesota free tuition program recommends the support of the State Board of Higher Education 2007-09 budget request based on maintaining higher education support at a minimum of 21 percent of the state budget. She said this key policy action would help maintain affordable tuition for North Dakota students and in the process help keep North Dakota institutions attractive to qualified Minnesota students. She said the budget request also provides direct increased financial support for state-need and merit-based financial aid for North Dakota students.

In response to a question from Representative Brusegaard, Ms. Laura Glatt, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, North Dakota University System, said approximately 5,500 North Dakota residents attended a college or university in Minnesota during the 2004-05 academic year.

In response to a question from Representative Brusegaard, Ms. Hoffert said the estimated impact of the Minnesota free tuition program is based on the assumption that **all Minnesota students eligible** for the program will accept and remain in Minnesota.

In response to a question from Senator Lindaas, Ms. Glatt said the estimated cost of implementing a similar free tuition program in North Dakota is \$10 million to \$12 million for the 2007-09 biennium.

Senator Grindberg suggested the North Dakota University System use the information gathered regarding the potential impact of the Minnesota free tuition program as discussion and planning information for the future.

Senator Holmberg suggested the North Dakota University System share the information regarding the potential impact of the Minnesota free tuition program with the Governor's office and the Office of Management and Budget.

In response to a question from Senator Flakoll, Ms. Hoffert said she would recommend the support of the State Board of Higher Education budget request for the 2007-09 biennium.

Mr. John Q. Paulsen, President, State Board of Higher Education, provided information on any policy changes being considered by the State Board of Higher Education, including information on how the policy changes fit with the goals of the Higher Education Roundtable. A copy of the information is attached as Appendix B. He said the State Board of Higher Education has taken several steps in recent months to do whatever is necessary to refocus attention on the high-priority needs and opportunities of higher education in North Dakota. He said the State Board of Higher Education Roles and Responsibilities Task Force has determined there is no need to spend a considerable amount of time and energy making major revisions to the structure of the

University System or the mechanism. He said the Roles and Responsibilities Task Force recommended a number of ways for strengthening communication horizontally and vertically throughout the University System. He said the board has determined that it must continue to develop better communication, provide more opportunities for the 11 presidents to brief the board on issues unique to their institutions, and ensure greater focus on major policy issues that are impacting or will impact the University System.

### **PROPOSED HIGHER EDUCATION BILL DRAFTS**

The Legislative Council staff presented a bill draft [\[70130.0100\]](#) relating to the appropriation of higher education institutions' special revenue funds. The bill draft amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 15-10-12 to continue the continuing appropriation authority for higher education institutions' special funds, including tuition, through the 2007-09 biennium. The emergency clause allows for the continuation of the provisions without disruption.

**It was moved by Senator Flakoll, seconded by Senator O'Connell, and carried on a roll call vote that the bill draft relating to the appropriation of higher education institutions' special revenue funds be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council.** Senators Holmberg, Flakoll, Grindberg, Hacker, Kringstad, Lindaas, and O'Connell and Representatives Bellew, Brusegaard, Delmore, Hawken, Martinson, Nottestad, and Owens voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

The Legislative Council staff presented a bill draft [\[70131.0100\]](#) relating to budget requests and block grant appropriations for the North Dakota University System. The bill draft amends NDCC Section 54-44.1-04 to continue the requirement that higher education budget requests include estimates for a base funding component and for an initiative funding component for specific strategies or initiatives and a budget estimate for an asset funding component for renewal and replacement of physical plant assets. The bill draft also amends Section 54-44.1-06 to continue the requirement that higher education appropriations include block grants for a base funding appropriation and for an initiative funding appropriation for specific strategies or initiatives and an appropriation for asset funding for renewal and replacement of physical plant assets. The emergency clause allows for the continuation of the provisions without disruption.

**It was moved by Representative Hawken, seconded by Representative Nottestad, and carried on a roll call vote that the bill draft relating to the budget requests and block grant appropriations for the North Dakota University System be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council.** Senators Holmberg, Flakoll, Grindberg, Hacker, Kringstad, Lindaas, and O'Connell and Representatives Bellew, Brusegaard, Delmore,

Hawken, Martinson, Nottestad, and Owens voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

The Legislative Council staff presented a bill draft [\[70132.0100\]](#) relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations for the North Dakota University System. The bill draft amends NDCC Section 54-44.1-11 to provide for the continuation of higher education's authority to carry over unspent general fund appropriations as provided by the Legislative Assembly through June 30, 2009. The emergency clause allows for the continuation of the provisions without disruption.

**It was moved by Representative Nottestad, seconded by Representative Delmore, and carried on a roll call vote that the bill draft relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations for the North Dakota University System be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council.** Senators Holmberg, Flakoll, Grindberg, Hacker, Kringstad, Lindaas, and O'Connell and Representatives Bellew, Brusegaard, Delmore, Hawken, Martinson, Nottestad, and Owens voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA AND UND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES - BUDGET TOUR**

Dr. John Watson, Dean, School of Engineering and Mines, University of North Dakota, provided a demonstration of online physics laboratory capabilities.

The committee conducted a tour of the University of North Dakota and UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, including the student wellness center and the clinical education center.

Upon completion of the tour, the committee recessed at 4:05 p.m.

### **MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY - BUDGET TOUR**

The committee reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2006, in the Campus Center at Mayville State University.

Dr. Gary Hagen, Interim President, Mayville State University, welcomed the committee and provided information on the status of the university. The information is included in the committee's tour packet, a copy of which is on file in the Legislative Council office. He said his overall objective as interim president is to identify all major problem areas on campus and initiate solutions or the process that will lead to solutions. He said his five specific goals are to:

- Balance the annual budget and implement a plan to retire all accumulated debt.
- Initiate new strategic planning processes.
- Improve fundraising.
- Intensively search for new academic majors and niches.

- Restore a sense of normalcy and confidence in the campus.

Dr. Hagen said over the past four years, Mayville State University has accumulated debt of approximately \$1 million. He said a plan for a balanced budget and debt retirement has been developed and endorsed by the State Board of Higher Education. He said the debt retirement plan provides for the elimination of the accumulated debt by the end of the 2009-10 fiscal year by eliminating the vice president of enrollment management position, eliminating the men's and women's soccer programs, reducing tuition waivers, eliminating four staff positions, and delaying the hiring of open faculty and staff positions.

Dr. Hagen said a special task force on athletics has been established to study athletics. He said the task force is to deliver a cost-benefit analysis of all athletic teams, a campus impact statement, and recommendations for how athletics will fit into the university's mission. He said the Comet Athletic Club has also been given new leadership and specific charges to raise an additional \$100,000 for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Mr. Steven Bensen, Vice President of Business Affairs, Mayville State University, provided information regarding the status of the 2005-07 budget. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the university's budget for the 2005-07 biennium, excluding auxiliary and local funds, is \$14,007,755, of which \$9,003,630 is from the general fund, \$176,000 is from permanent trust fund distributions from the Land Department, and \$4,828,125 is from tuition collections. He said approximately 44 percent of total expenditures for the 2005-07 biennium is for instruction and 24 percent is for plant services.

In response to a question from Representative Aarsvold, Mr. Bensen said in April 2003 voters in Mayville and Portland approved a 1 percent city sales tax and the Mayville State University Senate approved a \$100 per year student fee for improvements to the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse and construction of a student wellness center. He said the university collects approximately \$170,000 a year from the city sales tax and approximately \$60,000 per year from the student fee.

In response to a question from Representative Aarsvold, Mr. Bensen said the university pays approximately \$100,000 per biennium for special assessments.

Representative Aarsvold requested the Legislative Council provide information regarding special assessments being paid by higher education institutions.

Dr. Ray Gerszewski, Vice President of Student Affairs and Institutional Research, Mayville State University, provided information regarding enrollment and tuition waivers. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the university's fall 2006 enrollment is summarized as follows:

	Fall 2005	Fall 2006 (Estimated)	Increase (Decrease)
Headcount enrollment	912	827	(85)
Full-time enrollment	625	552	(73)
Part-time enrollment	287	275	(12)
Full-time equivalent enrollment	677	649	(28)

In response to a question from Representative Delmore, Dr. Gerszewski said the level of remedial education appears to be the same for resident and nonresident students.

In response to a question from Senator Flakoll, Dr. Gerszewski said the average ACT score for incoming freshman is 19 or 20.

Dr. Gerszewski said the university decreased total tuition waivers from \$457,948 for the 2005-06 school year to approximately \$214,500 for the 2006-07 school year. He said international and diversity waivers have been reduced and dependent waivers have been eliminated. The following is a summary of the university's tuition waivers for 2003-04 through 2006-07:

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Estimated)
International student waivers	\$67,385	\$224,302	\$151,147	\$22,000
Cultural diversity waivers	91,032	75,221	42,625	22,000
Comet athletic waivers		22,310	80,295	87,000
Nonresident merit waivers	72,512	127,634	130,236	65,000
Employee waivers	6,631	14,601	18,500	18,500
Dependent waivers	19,198	38,919	35,145	
Total	\$256,758	\$502,987	\$457,948	\$214,500

In response to a question from Representative Nottestad, Dr. Gerszewski said athletic waivers are used to recruit local and regional students.

Dr. Gerszewski said the university has submitted a Title III grant proposal for strengthening the institution. He said objectives of the grant proposal are to:

- Increase and sustain a student headcount enrollment of 1,500 by 2011.
- Increase student retention by 2.5 percent annually.
- Increase the number of distance education degree programs from two to six.
- Increase the number of individual students enrolled in distance education from 264 to 664.
- Increase faculty and staff subject matter competence of professional development training.
- Increase employee, student, alumni, and employer satisfaction with quality of services and graduates.

Dr. Keith Stenehjem, Chief Information Officer, Mayville State University, provided information

regarding the Office of Worldwide Learning and other technology efforts of the university. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the Office of Worldwide Learning supports the mission of the university by providing leadership in the growth of extended learning and collaborating with academic divisions and administrative units to develop and deliver extended learning programs and courses and provide support for students and faculty. He said the Heart of the Valley ITV Consortium administered by the university provides distance education learning opportunities to 20 member schools using telecommunications technology. He said in 2004 the university became the first tablet personal computer university in the nation.

Dr. Hagen provided information regarding meeting the changing needs of business and industry and funding challenges and opportunities. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the university continues to work to meet the needs of business and industry by enhancing students' hard skills and soft skills. He said the university would like to see some changes made to the centers of excellence program to allow smaller entities to qualify for funding. He said the university would also like the state to consider providing funds to explore alternative energy sources and heat-saving techniques.

Mr. Bensen provided information regarding capital improvements for the 2005-07 biennium and future capital improvement needs. The information is included in the committee's tour packet. He said the 2005 Legislative Assembly provided the university capital asset funding of \$1,858,994, of which \$358,994 is from the general fund and \$1,500,000 is from local funds. He said the funding from the general fund is for extraordinary repairs, including special assessments and roof repair to Old Main.

Mr. Bensen said the university's future capital improvement needs to be funded from the general

fund include the restoration and renovation of West Hall (\$3,957,000) and the renovation of the university's classroom building (\$848,800). He said the university's future capital improvement needs to be funded from local funds include renovation of Agassiz Hall (\$3,500,000) and renovation of Northwest Hall (\$895,200).

The committee conducted a tour of Mayville State University facilities, including Northwest Hall, powerhouse, West Hall, Old Main, wellness center, and Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

### COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

**It was moved by Representative Martinson, seconded by Representative Owens, and carried on a voice vote that the chairman and the staff of the Legislative Council be requested to prepare a report and the bill drafts recommended by the committee and to present the report and recommended bill drafts to the Legislative Council.**

**It was moved by Representative Aarsvold, seconded by Senator O'Connell, and carried on a voice vote that the meeting be adjourned sine die.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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[ATTACH:2](#)