Legislative Council
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North Dakota Legislative Management

Tentative Agenda

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HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, September 21, 2026
Kenner Conference Room, Hofstad Agricultural Center, Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, North Dakota
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Henry Family Ballroom, Memorial Union, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Monday, September 21, 2026, Kenner Conference Room, Hofstad Agricultural Center, Lake Region State College, Devils Lake

1:00 p.m.	Call to order Roll call Consideration of the minutes of the June 18-19, 2026, meeting
1:05 p.m.	Presentation by a representative of Lake Region State College of an overview of the institution
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:40 p.m.	Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education regarding the priorities of the board and the board's relationship with North Dakota State University
3:10 p.m.	Presentation by a representative of the State Auditor's office regarding audit findings related to tuition waivers
3:30 p.m.	Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding dual-credit funding
3:35 p.m.	Committee discussion regarding dual-credit funding
4:00 p.m.	Recess

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, Henry Family Ballroom, Memorial Union, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

8:30 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota of an overview of the institution
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:40 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Council of a biennial report and recommendations regarding the strategic plan, programs, and facilities of the school, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15-52-04
11:15 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences regarding strategies under consideration and implemented to increase resident medical student and Physician Assistant Program enrollment at the school, pursuant to Section 44 of Senate Bill 2003 (2025)
11:40 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education regarding a study of Praxis Core testing performance of student teachers who used grades and exams to demonstrate reading, writing, and mathematics competencies, pursuant to Section 47 of Senate Bill 2003
12:00 noon	Recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the University System regarding the:

- Skilled Workforce Student Loan Repayment Program, pursuant to Section 15-10-38.1
- Skilled Workforce Scholarship Program, pursuant to Section 15-10-38.2
- Academic and Career and Technical Education Scholarship Program, pursuant to Section 15-10-59

1:30 p.m. Presentation by the State Commissioner of Higher Education regarding trends in higher education, pursuant to Section 15-10-71

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the University System of an update regarding the University System's enterprise resource planning system

2:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota State Staff Senate regarding legislative priorities and the committee's assigned studies and duties

2:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Governor's School regarding the program

2:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding:

- Professional Student Exchange Program eligibility
- Scholars Program eligibility
- The Skilled Workforce Scholarship and Student Loan Repayment Programs
- The North Dakota Governor's School
- Funding for various student financial assistance programs administered by the University System

2:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's assigned study and duties

3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: https://video.ndlegis.gov.

Committee Members

Senators: Jonathan Sickler (Chairman), Robert Erbele, Scott Meyer, Mike Wobbema
Representatives: Landon Bahl, LaurieBeth Hager, Bob Martinson, Mark Sanford
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