

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday and Thursday, May 10-11, 2006

Minot State University and North Central Research Extension Center, Minot, North Dakota  
Minot State University - Bottineau and North Dakota Forest Service, Bottineau, North Dakota  
Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, North Dakota

**Wednesday, May 10, 2006 - Meeting and budget tour of Minot State University and North Central Research Extension Center, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, and Minot State University - Bottineau and North Dakota Forest Service, 105 Simrall Boulevard, Bottineau** (The committee will begin its meeting in the Conference Center in the Student Union at Minot State University.)

**MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY AND NORTH CENTRAL RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER -  
BUDGET TOUR**

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes from the April 13, 2006, meeting
- 8:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Minot State University regarding:
- An overview of the campus
  - Campus initiatives and programs, including information on unique and special interest programs and workforce education and training partnerships and programs
  - Campus responses to the following main themes that emerged from the June 2004 Higher Education Roundtable meeting:
    - Meeting the rapidly changing education and training needs of business and industry, including the need for enhanced soft skills development
    - Communicating and sustaining the vision of the Higher Education Roundtable within the campus and with public stakeholders
  - An analysis of current enrollment information, including information on the number of students served on campus versus the number of students served through distance education methods and information on short-term and long-term enrollment strategies and plans for responding to the demographic trends in North Dakota over the next 10 years
  - Funding challenges and opportunities for state investment, including information on the centers of excellence
  - Status of any capital improvements for the 2005-07 biennium and anticipated 2007-09 capital improvement needs
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Central Research Extension Center regarding the center's programs, status of the 2005-07 budget, status of 2005-07 capital improvements, and anticipated budget needs for the 2007-09 biennium
- 10:30 a.m. Budget tour of Minot State University facilities
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon recess

12:15 p.m. Travel to Minot State University - Bottineau (The committee will meet in the Nelson Science Center, Minot State University - Bottineau.)

**MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY - BOTTINEAU AND NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE - BUDGET TOUR**

1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Minot State University - Bottineau regarding:

- An overview of the campus
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2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Forest Service regarding programs, status of the 2005-07 budget, status of 2005-07 capital improvements, and anticipated budget needs for the 2007-09 biennium

2:45 p.m. Budget tour of Minot State University - Bottineau and the North Dakota Forest Service facilities concluding with the groundbreaking ceremony for the Thatcher Hall addition

4:00 p.m. Recess

**Thursday, May 11, 2006 - Meeting and budget tour of Lake Region State College, 1801 North College Drive, Devils Lake** (The committee will begin its meeting in the Chautauqua Gallery, Main Building, Lake Region State College.)

**LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE - BUDGET TOUR**

8:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Lake Region State College regarding:

- An overview of the campus
- Campus initiatives and programs, including information on unique and special interest programs and workforce education and training partnerships and programs
- Campus responses to the following main themes that emerged from the June 2004 Higher Education Roundtable meeting:
  - Meeting the rapidly changing education and training needs of business and industry, including the need for enhanced soft skills development
  - Communicating and sustaining the vision of the Higher Education Roundtable within the campus and with public stakeholders

- An analysis of current enrollment information, including information on the number of students served on campus versus the number of students served through distance education methods and information on short-term and long-term enrollment strategies and plans for responding to the demographic trends in North Dakota over the next 10 years
  - Funding challenges and opportunities for state investment, including information on the centers of excellence
  - Status of any capital improvements for the 2005-07 biennium and anticipated 2007-09 capital improvement needs
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the northeast workforce training region regarding the region's workforce training activity for fiscal year 2005 as compared to other region's workforce training activity
- 10:10 a.m. Budget tour of Lake Region State College facilities
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing information included in the MGT of America, Inc., final report for the higher education funding and accountability study
- 11:10 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives, including discussion on the MGT of America, Inc., final report for the higher education funding and accountability study and requests for bill drafts relating to the study recommendations and other areas
- 11:40 a.m. Adjourn

#### **Committee Members**

Senators Ray Holmberg (Chairman), Tim Flakoll, Tony Grindberg, Nicholas P. Hacker, Ed Kringstad, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, David O'Connell  
 Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Tom Brusegaard, Lois Delmore, Mary Ekstrom, Kathy Hawken, Nancy Johnson, Andrew G. Maragos, Bob Martinson, Darrell D. Nottestad, Mark S. Owens, Earl Rennerfeldt, Steven L. Zaiser