

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, December 4, 2007  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY**

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the September 26-27, 2007, meeting
- 8:35 a.m. Introductions and general discussion with members of the State Board of Higher Education
- 8:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of memorandums regarding higher education policy areas and P-16 initiatives in other states and distribution of other memorandums prepared by the Legislative Council staff at the request of the Higher Education Committee
- 9:00 a.m. Discussion with members of the State Board of Higher Education regarding the following higher education policy areas, including presentations by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding previous and current initiatives relating to the policy areas and discussion regarding appropriate next steps
- **Student preparation** - Issues include aligning high school curriculums with college entrance requirements, early testing of students for college readiness, transforming grade 12, providing counseling services to students in kindergarten through grade 12, and remedial education
  - **Student retention and completion** - Issues include ranking lowest in the region in student retention from the first to second year, ranking 35<sup>th</sup> in the nation in six-year bachelor's degree graduation rates, and ranking 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the migration of college graduates aged 22 to 64
  - **Affordability** - Issues include the level of tuition waiver activity and the likelihood that the lack of adequate financial aid may require students to quit their education or move out of state for higher-paying jobs
  - **Accessibility** - Issues include delivering education programs where the needs are
  - **An appropriate higher education structure for the 21<sup>st</sup> century** - Issues include whether the structure of the University System and the State Board of Higher Education match the needs and expectations of the state and the level of bureaucracy within the University System
  - **A vision for and expectations of the North Dakota University System** - Issues include the proper vehicle for engaging stakeholders
  - **Higher education funding** - Issues include funding comparisons with other states, whether the University System long-term financing plan and resource allocation model are appropriate, and appropriate accountability measures
  - **Effectiveness and efficiency** - Issues include implementing effectiveness and efficiency strategies, such as redesigning courses and transforming curriculum, and maintaining educational quality in a flexible environment
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of the higher education policy discussion
- 4:15 p.m. Concluding comments by the chairman
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Ken Svedjan (Chairman), Lois Delmore, Kathy Hawken, Matthew M. Klein, Bob Martinson, Jasper Schneider, Bob Skarphol, John D. Wall, Clark Williams  
Senators Ray Holmberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, Dave Oehlke, Tracy Potter, Larry J. Robinson