

2005-06 INTERIM - HIGHER EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion Group A

How access to higher education should be increased	Improve college affordability Invest in technology to increase access Enhance kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education partnerships Define what is meant by best and brightest Enhance internships by creating financial incentives for business participation, reducing administrative burdens, and increasing mentoring opportunities Enhance information sharing on job openings in the state Enhance North Dakota business name recognition among students Enhance the role of the private sector Encourage Higher Education Roundtable members to educate those not participating in the roundtable
Strategies that can be used to attract and retain the best and brightest graduates	
How the state should not only sustain the momentum of the Higher Education Roundtable but take it to an even higher level of performance	

Discussion Group B

How the accountability measures or the assessment system should be refined	Streamline the accountability measures and develop goals associated with the measures. In streamlining the measures, consider the final report for the higher education funding and accountability study and operational definitions of roundtable cornerstones. Encourage rewards and incentives for collaboration between higher education institutions and for meeting the needs of the state
The connection between the performance of the University System and the rewards and incentives provided to the University System	
How the centers of excellence initiative should be improved	Consider the hiring of a technical review of the centers of excellence applications and the providing of funding to match benchmarks associated with the projects

Discussion Group C

Strategies that can be used to attract and retain the best and brightest graduates	Create programs in high demand that only accept the best and the brightest students Enhance scholarship opportunities Encourage collaboration and increase distance education offerings
How access to higher education should be increased	
How the state should not only sustain the momentum of the Higher Education Roundtable but take it to an even higher level of performance	Operate the roundtable in a private sector environment instead of a public sector environment Provide a more specific agenda that addresses areas of conflict

Discussion Group D

Strategies that can be used to attract and retain the best and brightest graduates	Attract the best and the brightest faculty by improving faculty salaries Consider a student loan forgiveness program for students staying in the state Consider more entrepreneurial ways to attract and retain students Incentives and rewards should be continued Develop and maintain funding benchmarks Continue the centers of excellence initiative Determine ways to help small campuses better compete Consider expanding the timeframe for expenditures
The connection between the performance of the University System and the rewards and incentives provided to the University System	
How the centers of excellence initiative should be improved	