

2005-06 INTERIM - HIGHER EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion Group A

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

Discussion Group B

How the accountability measures or the assessment system should be refined	<p>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.</p>
The connection between the performance of the University System and the rewards and incentives provided to the University System	<p>Encourage rewards and incentives for collaboration between higher education institutions and for meeting the needs of the state</p>
How the centers of excellence initiative should be improved	<p>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</p>

Discussion Group C

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

Discussion Group D

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