

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the August 20, 2009, meeting

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY

- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the chairman regarding the committee meeting
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing recommendations resulting from the 1999-2000 Higher Education Roundtable
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding the report of the 1999-2000 Higher Education Roundtable, including:
- Actions taken to comply with roundtable recommendations and status of the implementation of the recommendations
 - Suggested changes to the Higher Education Roundtable recommendations and cornerstones
- 9:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the Higher Education Roundtable report and potential changes to previous roundtable recommendations and cornerstones
- 10:30 a.m. Comments by a representative of the University System regarding a report on higher education productivity prepared by the Delta Cost Project
- 10:45 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the Delta Cost Project report on higher education productivity
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding tuition waivers, including:
- The types of tuition waivers granted pursuant to State Board of Higher Education policy and institution policy and differences among the institutions on the types of waivers granted
 - Findings from the tuition waiver study conducted by the University System
 - The value of tuition waivers granted annually by each higher education institution since 2003-04 compared to total tuition revenue
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding 2007-09 biennium general fund appropriation authority continued into the 2009-11 biennium by the system office and by campus pursuant to the University System's exemption from North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding a summary of previous and current higher education funding methods, including the effect of the state's changing demographics on the current funding method

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding potential changes being considered by the State Board of Higher Education to the current higher education funding system
- 2:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding higher education funding methods
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding the following:
- Reciprocity agreements with other states, including the amount of tuition costs saved by North Dakota students as a result of the agreements
 - The number of resident and nonresident students attending each higher education institution
 - The methods of calculating enrollment relating to students taking both on-campus and online courses
 - The cost of educating students using distance education methods compared to a traditional classroom setting
 - The completion rates of students using distance education methods compared to a traditional classroom setting
 - Total funding available to higher education programs through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Bob Skarphol (Chairman), Lois Delmore, Mark A. Dosch, Kathy Hawken, Brenda Heller, Dennis Johnson, Nancy Johnson, RaeAnn G. Kelsch, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Darrell D. Nottestad, Kenton Onstad, Ken Svedjan, Clark Williams

Senators John M. Andrist, Tim Flakoll, Tony S. Grindberg, Ray Holmberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Tom Seymour