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Honorable Bob Skarphol  
 State Representative  
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Dear Representative Skarphol:

This letter is sent to you in your capacity as chairman of the Legislative Management's interim Higher Education Committee. I am expanding the committee's responsibilities to include:

1. A study of higher education governance, including the role of the State Board of Higher Education, North Dakota University System office, and university presidents. As part of the study, the committee must review constitutional and statutory provisions and consider changes to improve the current governance model.
2. As part of the committee's current study of performance/outcome funding methods, examine methods of improving the accountability of the University System, including the identification of appropriate accountability measures.
3. Receive information from the president of Dickinson State University and the University System internal auditor regarding the internal review report of international transfer agreements at Dickinson State University. The information must address potential future issues involving accreditation of the institution, sanctions from federal agencies, and legal ramifications.

I trust your committee can handle this increased responsibility and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Management in November 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning these additional committee responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Representative Al Carlson  
 Chairman

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cc: Members of the Legislative Management  
 Members of the Higher Education Committee