

# **Higher Education Reform in North Dakota**

## ***The Time is Now***

### **1. Why Now?**

- a. Refer to your agenda**
- b. The system is destroying itself from within**
- c. Its leadership has lost their way**
- d. We have a responsibility to save it**

### **2. What does reform look like?**

- a. Replace SBHE with an elected Commissioner of Higher Education**
- b. Commissioner would control only higher ed (not K-12)**
- c. Commissioner would have broad authority to manage the ND university system, and all institutions of higher education, including:**
  - i. Hiring and firing presidents thereof**
  - ii. Submitting a budget for consideration by the ND Legislature, who shall exercise independent authority and control of appropriations for the university system**
- d. Term of 6 years; maximum of 2 terms.**
- e. Free to hire a deputy, or other assistance as authorized by law.**
- f. Removable as any other elected official**

### **3. How do we bring about this reform?**

- a. Initiated Measure to the state constitution**
- b. Concurrent Resolution**
- c. Either way, we have a responsibility to reform**