

Testimony before the Interim Health Services Committee**April 12, 2012****Joshua Wynne, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H.****Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences**

Good afternoon, Madame Chair Lee, members and guests,

My name is Joshua Wynne, and I am proud to serve as Vice President for Health Affairs at the University of North Dakota, and Dean of your School of Medicine and Health Sciences. I would like to thank Senator Lee for inviting us to present the results of a space study that was funded by the last legislature and recently completed by JLG Architects, in conjunction with the national design firm of Perkins+Will.

As you may recall, prior to the most recent legislative session, the State Board of Higher Education endorsed UND's recommendation that the School embark on a plan to increase its class size so as to meet the health care provider needs of North Dakota. Tied to the class size expansion was the need for additional capital construction to provide added facilities to accommodate the additional students and faculty associated with the class size expansion. When it became clear last year that there was insufficient legislative support for the needed capital construction, the School developed a modified work force plan that was endorsed by UND, the Advisory Council, and the State Board. The modified plan was designed to begin the class size expansion and accommodate as many new students as could be housed in the existing facilities. The modified plan called for about half of the proposed expansion of the full plan; for example, in the case of medical students, the full plan called for 16 additional students, while the modified plan called for only 8. The last Legislature funded the modified plan, but also directed that the full class size expansion plan be studied in the interim, as you are doing now, and appropriated funds to enable a space study to be done to assess facility needs. We would like to brief you now on the findings of that study.

Our presentation today will be divided into three parts. The first presentation will be by Mr. Dave Molemen on behalf of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Council. He will review the recent deliberations of the Advisory Council, and will outline its recommendations. Jim Galloway of JLG Architects will then follow with the second presentation, which will review the space study format, process, and findings. The last presentation will be by Bob Lavey of Perkins+Will, the national design firm that was engaged by JLG Architects to assist with the project. Mr. Lavey will analyze the findings and propose three options to accommodate the growth in class size associated with the health care work force initiative currently underway and planned for the future.

At this point I'd like to introduce Mr. Dave Molmen. Dave...