

April 18, 2012

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2012, LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

It was moved by Representative Skarphol, seconded by Representative Kreidt, that pursuant to Section 54-10-01, the State Auditor conduct a performance audit of the use of tuition waivers and student stipends at North Dakota University System institutions by reviewing since the 2008-09 academic year student unit records and other available information and that the performance audit include:

- The number and amount of waivers or discounts granted at each institution due to statutory requirements
- The number and amount of waivers or discounts granted at each institution due to reciprocity agreements with other states
- The number and amount of waivers or discounts granted at each institution to graduate students
- The average amount of tuition waived or discounts for each student receiving a waiver or waivers including the average percentage of total tuition waivers compared to gross tuition charges for the students by institution
- The number and amount of waivers granted at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- The number and amount of stipends or other payments awarded at each institution to graduate students including the source of funds
- The number of students that received both a waiver or discount and a stipend or other payment at each institution
- The number of internships at each institution and those paid or subsidized by state internship programs
- The number of Dickinson State University employees terminated during the 2009-11 biennium and the number of those employees that have been rehired
- Recommendations for improving accountability for the awarding of tuition waivers and student stipends
- Recommendations for improvements to the information included in student unit records and to the use of the information

It was moved by Senator Christmann, seconded by Representative Skarphol, and carried on a voice vote that the motion be amended to provide that the performance audit of tuition waivers and student stipends include the number and amount of waivers or discounts for resident students, nonresident students, and international students.

The motion, as amended, carried on a roll call vote. Representatives Ruby, Hatlestad, Kelsch, Kreidt, Kroeber, Mock, Monson, Pollert, Skarphol, Winrich, and Wrangham and Senators Christmann, Heckaman, Klein, Lee, and Wanzek voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Representative Skarphol, seconded by Representative Pollert, and carried on a roll call vote that pursuant to Section 54-10-01, the State Auditor conduct a performance audit of the North Dakota University System office, including a review of the functions of the office, evaluation of staffing levels, and the effectiveness of the office to provide support to campuses and address and resolve university system issues. Representatives Ruby, Hatlestad, Kelsch, Kempenich, Kreidt, Kroeber, Maragos, Mock, Monson, Pollert, Skarphol, and Wrangham and Senators Christmann, Klein, Lee, and Wanzek voted "aye." Representative Winrich and Senator Heckaman voted "nay."