
Dickinson State University

North Dakota House of Representatives Presentation *2025 - 2027 Biennium Budget*

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Who are we -

Dickinson State University is a regional comprehensive institution within the North Dakota University System, whose primary role is to contribute to intellectual, social, economic, and cultural development, especially to southwestern North Dakota.

Mission Statement

The University's mission is to provide high-quality, accessible programs; to promote excellence in teaching and learning; to support scholarly and creative activities; and to provide service relevant to the economy, health, and quality of life for the citizens of the state of North Dakota.

Vision

Dickinson State University will educate a diverse population through innovative teaching, learning, scholarship, and service fostering responsible citizens who impact the world.

Dual Mission Designation

Dickinson State University (DSU) is North Dakota's only Dual Mission designation institution.

What does it mean to be Dual Mission –
As a dual mission university, it allows DSU to be responsive and relevant in meeting the educational needs of the citizens of southwest North Dakota.

Core Values

Integrity
Accessibility
Excellence
Inquiry & Innovation

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Some of the Major Successes for the University over the past 2 years:

1. Hosted Governor Burgum's 2024 State of the State Address.
2. Developed several cooperative arrangements with the City of Dickinson and Stark County, including an MOU for a Campus Resource Officer, use of the various athletic facilities in Dickinson, owned by either by the university or the city.
3. Hosted the Theodore Roosevelt Symposiums.
4. Held the inaugural "Leadership Rising Conference" in partnership with Baker Boy, Inc.
5. Completed an academic department re-structure.
6. Established 2 endowed chairs
7. Continued the development of club sports, including expansion of Esports, and the initiation of Shooting Sports – which also includes archery.
8. Initiated a Women's Wrestling program that competes in the NAIA.
9. Initiated a move from the North Star Athletic Conference to the Frontier Conference.

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Critical Issues that the University will need to address during this next biennium:

Operations

1. Enrollment changes
2. Inflationary pressures and workforce competition
3. Recent leadership and program changes
4. Funding of future career and technical education courses/programs

Physical Plant

1. Newest building on campus is the Agriculture and Technology building built in 1980.
2. Most buildings were constructed prior to 1960 – repair and maintenance costs are eating up a larger chunk of our operating budget year over year
3. Aging mechanical infrastructure

Community

1. The perception of Dickinson State in the public and social media sphere
2. Communication

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Critical Issues that the University will need to address during this next biennium:

Students

1. Quality housing
2. Extra- and Co- Curricular activities
3. Reasonably priced, high-quality meals
4. Access to both medical and mental health services.

During the last legislative session, DSU was provided with approximately \$98,000 that was to be dedicated to enhancing mental health services on campus. Outside of the \$98,000 noted above, the entire cost of the medical and mental health services is covered through student fees.

Given the historical expenditure levels and how they were funded, DSU looked at ways that it could enhance the availability of mental health services, while not making these costs carryover from year to year. The main reason for this is that the availability of future funding for these programs, by the Legislature were unknown.

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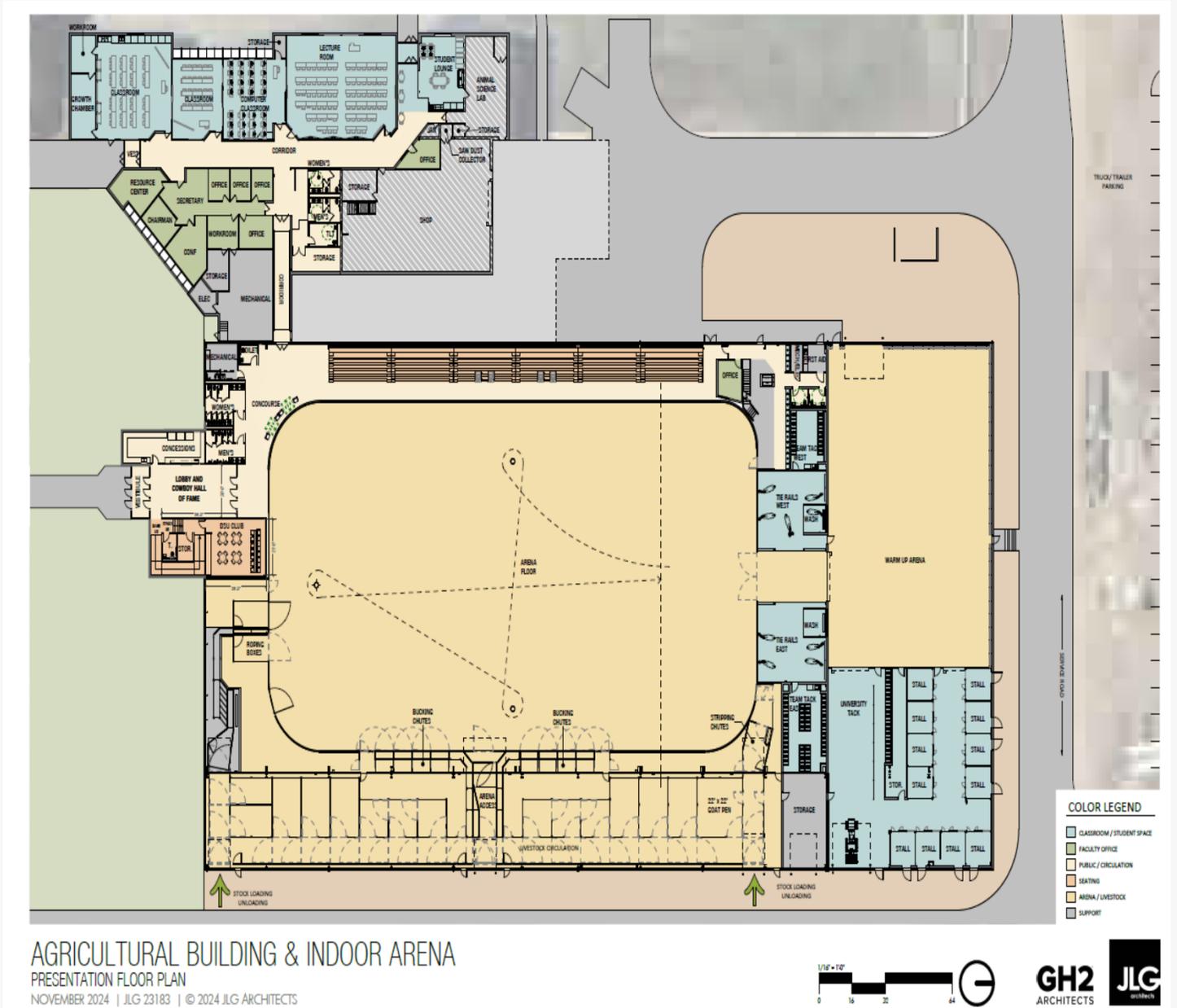
DSU used the \$98,000 in funding for the following purposes:

1. Expanded mental health nurse practitioner contracted services.
2. Equipment for students to use for relaxation.
3. Presentations on sports psychology, sobriety, managing the stresses in today's world, suicide prevention and others.
4. Acquired additional resources for students and staff to access.
5. Initiated the Green Bandana Project.

Items that we need to look at in the near term:

1. Move these services from their current location – lower level of Stickney Hall to an area that is easily accessible, provides for greater privacy and is more aesthetically pleasing.
2. Begin a succession program, as the current counselor that we have on staff is nearing retirement.
3. Increase the access to information and implement additional on-campus steps to ensure that students feel safe and respected.

Dickinson State University Agriculture & Technology Building And Rodeo Arena Update



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2025 - 2027 Appropriation Request



| | SBHE 2025-27 GF Budget Request | Burgum Executive Recommendation | Armstrong Executive Recommendation | Senate Recommendations (Engrossed SB2003) |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 2023-25 Original General Fund Appropriation | \$ 23,801,610 | \$ 23,801,610 | \$ 23,801,610 | \$ 23,801,610 |
| <i>Adjustments to 2023-2025 Base</i> | | | | |
| Base Adjustments - Funding Formula | (681,676) | (681,676) | (681,676) | (681,676) |
| IT Rate Adjustment | 5,235 | 5,235 | 5,235 | |
| Employer Retirement Contribution | 15,061 | 15,061 | 15,061 | 15,061 |
| Target Market Equity | 623,324 | 623,324 | 623,324 | 623,324 |
| Inflation Factor Increase | 712,907 | | | |
| 2023-25 Adjusted General Fund Appropriation, Net of Base Adjustments(Needs Based Budget Request) | 24,476,461 | 23,763,554 | 23,763,554 | 23,758,319 |
| 2025-27 Adjustments: | | | | |
| 2023-25 Formula Rate Averaging (Burgum=75%/Armstrong 100%) Adjustment (one-time); Senate on-going | | 107,519 | 143,359 | 143,359 |
| 2025-27 Governor Adjustment - Burgum 10% Netted/Armstrong 9% Netted | | 1,190,815 | 959,074 | |
| Funding Formula Adjustments (Credit Completion Factor/Discipline Cluster Changes) | | | | 1,575,524 |
| 4% Funding Formula Rate Increase/Base Rate Equalization | | | | 1,074,892 |
| Health Insurance | | 478,446 | 478,446 | |
| Total Adjustments | - | 1,776,780 | 1,580,879 | 2,793,775 |
| 2025-27 Base General Fund Request & Recommendation | \$ 24,476,461 | \$ 25,540,334 | \$ 25,344,433 | \$ 26,552,094 |

2025 - 2027 Appropriation Optional Requests North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Priority

1. Remove the Success Penalty \$1,575,575

The Senate addressed this their final engrossment of SB 2003. We appreciated the support that the Senate Appropriations – Education and Environment Committee provided in addressing this. We hope that you will do the same and include in the House’s final Engrossment.

2. Inflation Factor Increase - 3% per year \$712,907

DSU fully supports the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education's request for the inclusion of an annual inflation factor each year of the biennium. The Senate addressed at least a part of this with the 4% Funding Formula Rate increase that they approved as part of SB 2003.



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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Priority #

3. Continue the Challenge Grant Program \$1,100,000

DSU supports the SBHE's request to continue the Challenge Grant program and to fund it at \$50 million, as proposed by Governor Burgum in 2023. The Senate increased the amount appropriated for these grants, bringing the total appropriation to \$25 million. DSU appreciates the Legislature's funding of these challenge grants as they have been incredibly successful in increasing scholarship dollars. As with most campuses, DSU would like to see the total available for these grants to be increased to a level between the \$25 million proposed and the \$50 million originally requested by Governor Burgum. DSU has shown that it can raise the matching requirements that are in place under its current level, and we believe that we could still raise the matching funds under the higher level.

4. Economic Diversification Research Project \$25,000,000

DSU supports the SBHE's request to continue the Economic Diversification Research program and to fund it at a minimum of \$25 million.

5. Shared Services Funding \$200,000

DSU supports the SBHE's request for \$200,000 to assist in the further development and implementation of a shared services model within the NDUS system. DSU had to reach out to both UND and NDSU for assistance in several areas during the past year.

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Capital Assets

1. Base Extraordinary Repairs *(Senate approved numbers)*

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Tier I | \$409,078 |
| 2. Tier II - (SIIF) | \$516,884 |
| 3. Tier III - (SIIF) | \$1,000,000 |

DSU appreciates the legislative recognition that there are significant deferrred maintenance costs and other infrastructure costs that need to be funded. In addition, the funding provided and the change in the 2:1 match to a 1:1 match during the 2023 Legislative session has also been greatly appreciated.

The Senate changed the distribution methodology associated with the distribution of Tier II dollars, moving to square footage and away from credit hours. If the House approves the study proposed in this bill, DSU would request that the Tier Funding distribution methodology be included in that study.

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Extraordinary Maintenance Expenditures – 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 Biennium's

| | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Ag Building - Carpet Replacement | Murphy Hall - Door Project |
| BAC - Piping Replacement | Sanford Sports Complex Signage |
| Campus West Signage | Selke Hall - Asbestos Abatement |
| Campuswide - Replace Thermostats | Selke Hall - Roof Top Unit |
| Klinefelter Hall - Fire Panel | Selke Hall - Vinyl Blinds |
| Klinefelter Hall - Step Replacement | Stoxen Library Carpeting |
| Main Campus Apts - Roof Repairs | Student Center - Chiller Replacement |
| Main Campus Apts Fire Alarm Upgrade | Student Center - Fire Panel |
| Main Campus Apts Flooring | Student Center - Pump Replacement |
| Main Campus Apts Water Heater Replacement | Student Center - Replace Flooring |
| May Hall - Annex Area | Student Center - Roof Repair |
| May Hall - Condensing Unit | Weinbergen - AC Repair |
| May Hall - Music Dept | Weinbergen - Duct Replacement |
| May Hall - Replace outside steps | Weinbergen - Updates to Student Areas |
| May Hall - Update President's Office | |
| Total Expenditures - | \$2.37 million |

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One Time Funding Requests \$3,500,000

1. President Transition Costs..... \$125,000

President Easton retired at the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year. As a result of this transition, DSU anticipates that the overall costs associated with the hiring and placement of a new President at DSU could run as high as \$125,000, which includes Interim President expenses, the fees that will be paid to the search firm the NDUS office has engaged to assist in the recruitment process, and incidental fees such as travel, lodging, print material.

2. Campus Security Department \$500,000

The campus security department at DSU was virtually eliminated as part of the operational cuts that occurred in 2020. In 2023, DSU signed an agreement with the City of Dickinson Police Department for a Campus Resource Officer, but their primary duty is not policing but rather assisting in training, policy development, and other administrative duties.



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2. Campus Security Department (continued)

Campus leadership is concerned about the national rise in tragic events occurring on college campuses. With a goal of being proactive, leadership strongly believes that campus security needs to be put back into place.

DSU is requesting \$250,000 for each year of the biennium to assist in establishing the department, acquiring the required gear, and fitting out a space in a campus building to house it.

3. Deferred Maintenance \$1,875,000

Much of the infrastructure at Dickinson State is from the 1950's and early 1960's. The university was informed recently that the deaerator and hot water heaters were living on borrowed time. The deaerator removes oxygen from the water prior to the water going into the boiler. The hot water heaters are separate from the boilers and provide the hot water for all the sinks, showers, etc., on campus. If the hot water heater goes out, no one on campus will have hot water – including the residence halls. DSU worked with an engineering firm to establish the potential cost of this project. One bid was received in this process, and it was for roughly \$875,000.



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May Hall and Stickney Hall - 1926



May Hall and Stickney Hall - 2025

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Students Building a Wall

During the summer of 1941, students built the rock wall surrounding the campus mall. The students worked under the National Youth Administration (NYA) program. This was a New Deal agency that operated from 1935-1943 to help alleviate the hard times created by the Great Depression. NYA students earned between \$15 and \$25 per month, a sum which helped many students stay in college.



DSU students are working with the local Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission to get this wall designated as a local landmark.



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2. Dickinson State University Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence \$48,500,000

DSU is requesting approval of a project that would allow it to remove an outdated residence hall and to replace that with a state of art School of Education and a revamped Academic Success Center. **Two options considered.**

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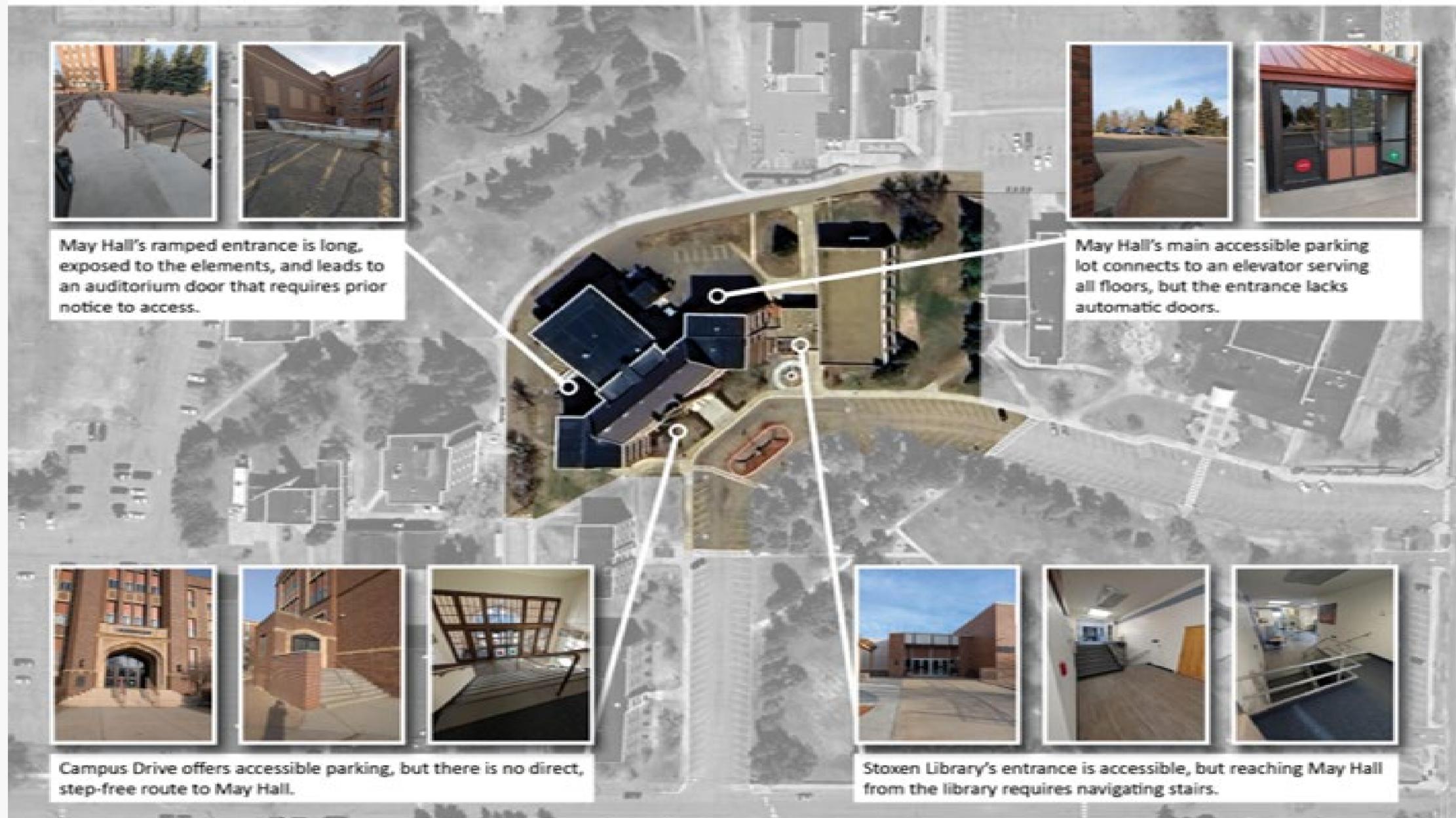
The Woods Residence Hall project would allow DSU to add 68 beds to its inventory, which will be needed as we try and address the challenges the Selke Residence Hall presents.

May seek alternative funding under HB 1128.



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ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES ON CAMPUS



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3. Woods Residence Hall

DSU is requesting authority to issue up to \$12.5 million in bonds to cover the completion of the Woods Residence Hall project, which was originally worked on in 2015-2017, and provide bridge funding for the Ag Building and Rodeo Arena project.

The Woods Residence Hall project would allow DSU to add 68 beds to its inventory, which will be needed as we address the challenges the Selke Residence Hall presents.

DSU was disappointed when HB1128 did not pass and would encourage this group to add the program back into this bill.



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Theodore Roosevelt Center

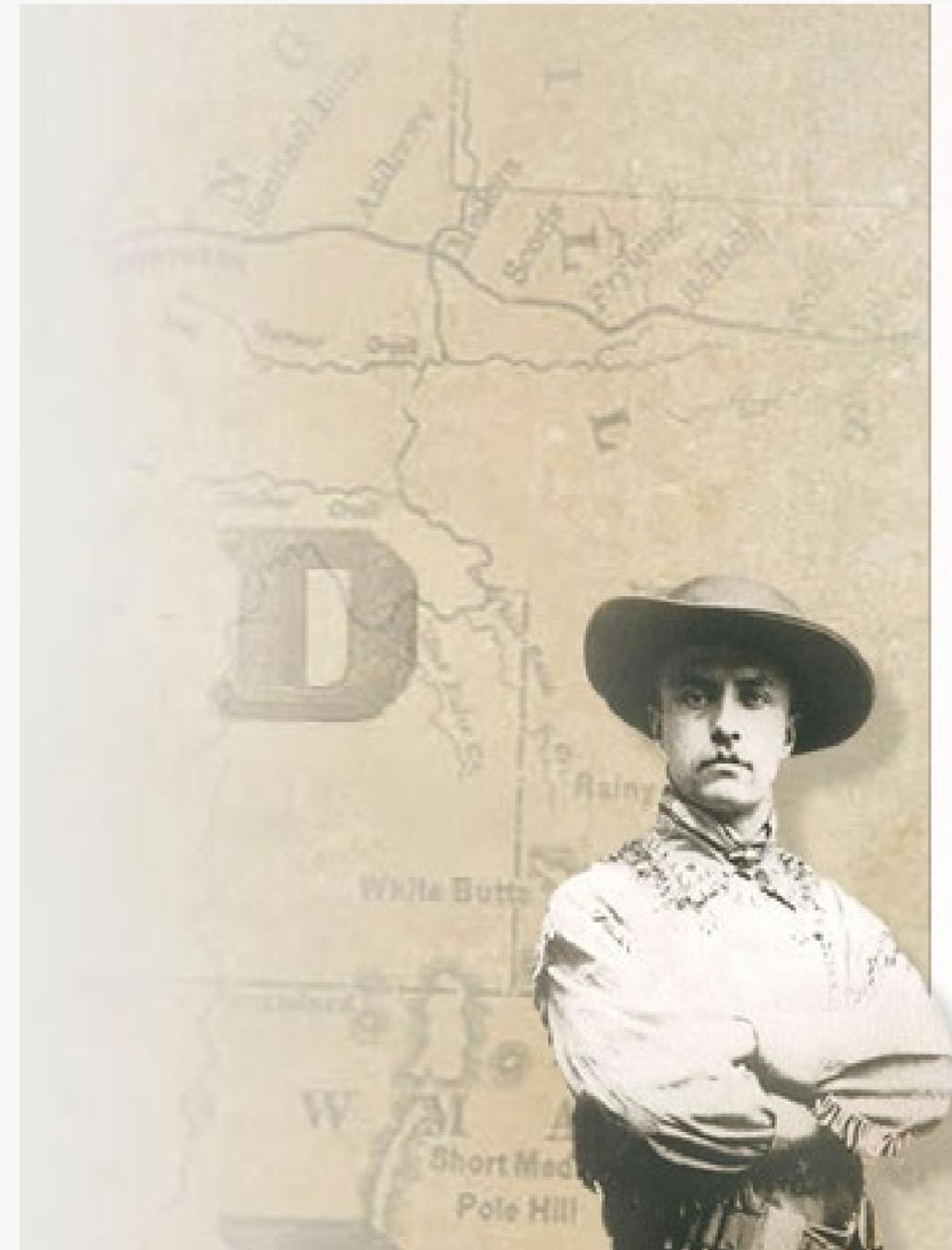
1. Significant Growth of the program
 - a. Edmund Morris Collection
 - b. Collaboration with the Theodore Roosevelt Library Foundation regarding the housing of Theodore Roosevelt artifacts
 - c. The Theodore Roosevelt Center is active on the social media platforms and on the internet in general. When you do a search on the internet for information on Theodore Roosevelt, chances are that the Theodore Roosevelt Center will be one of the first options you will come across for information.



Theodore Roosevelt Center
<https://www.theodorerooseveltcenter.o...>

TR Center - Biographical Overview - Theodore ...

Learn about the life and achievements of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, who was a writer, adventurer, reformer, and global leader. Explore his early years, his rise to power, his presidency, his family, and his ...



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Theodore Roosevelt Center (cont'd)

2. State of North Dakota

- a. Great pride in our association with Theodore Roosevelt
- b. Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library opening will be an important event in 2026 – the 250th anniversary of the United States

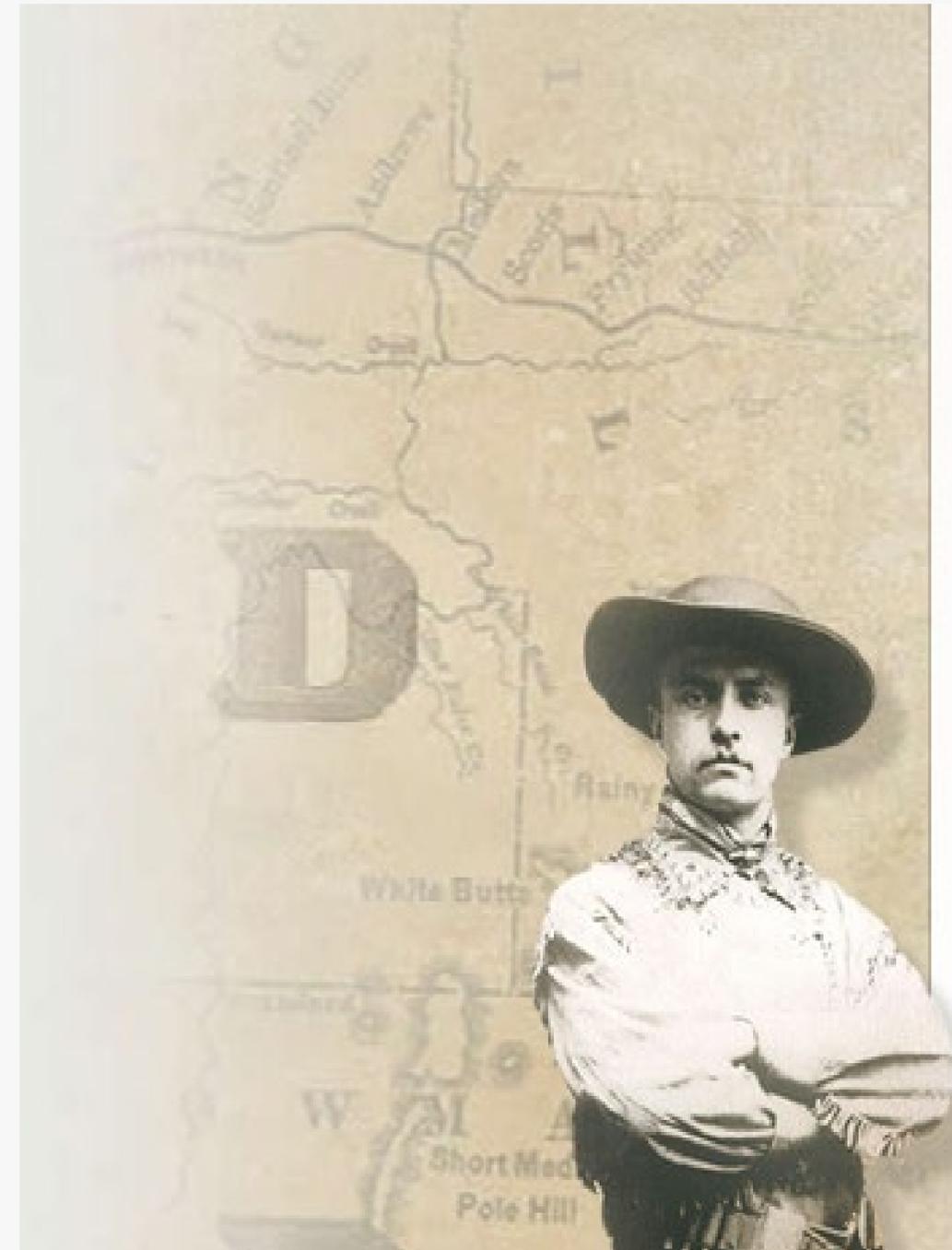
3. Funding

a. Lowman Walton Foundation Gift

- Portion to fund the initial set up and operations of the center
- Largest portion set up in an endowment fund
- The operations portion will be fully expended at the end of 2025

b. State of North Dakota

- Need assistance to help cover the operating costs going forward
- Costs run between \$450,000 to \$500,000 per year
- Requesting a \$1,000,000 per biennium appropriation for this



2023 - 2025 Biennium Review

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DSU continues to be a strong, active player in the community of Dickinson and in the surrounding region. This is demonstrated by these major accomplishments:

Operations

1. City of Dickinson - Campus Resource Officer
2. Implemented the equity adjustments and the 6/4 increases approved by the Legislature during the last session
3. Academic restructuring
4. Making the move to the Frontier Conference

Students

1. Developed club sports – trap shooting, Esports
2. Started a Women's Wrestling Athletic team
3. Continued with the development of alternative dining locations and items for students and others

Community

1. Hosted the 2024 State of the State Address by then Governor Burgum
2. Hosted the Theodore Roosevelt Symposium
3. Hosted the first Leadership Rising Conference in partnership with Baker Boy.
4. Partnership with the Theodore Roosevelt Library Foundation and Theodore Roosevelt Library

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Community Partnerships

1. City of Dickinson/Dickinson Parks & Recreation (DPR)
 - a. Sanford Sports Complex – *Softball/Soccer*
 - b. Dakota Community Bank & Trust Field – *Baseball*
 - c. Dakota Community Wellness Center
 - d. DSU Tennis Courts – *DPR resurfaced the tennis courts in the summer of 2024*
 - e. The community EMS training program is being moved to the campus
2. Stark County
 - a. Stark County Schools – *Use of the Sanford Sports Complex*
 - b. Partnering with local opera company and theater arts group to provides arts on campus
 - c. Rodeo Arena

Thank you