

Dickinson State University
 Budget No. 239
 Senate Bill No. 2003; House Bill No. 1015

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 legislative appropriations	168.90	\$26,091,469	\$29,737,827	\$55,829,296
2017-19 base budget	120.26	24,527,233	0	24,527,233
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	48.64	\$1,564,236	\$29,737,827	\$31,302,063

NOTE: The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations reflect a change in reporting methods for North Dakota University System FTE positions and includes the appropriation of certain special funds. See the **FTE Positions and Special Funds Appropriations Reporting Change** section below for additional information.

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2017-19 legislative appropriations	\$17,806,843	\$8,284,626	\$26,091,469
2015-17 adjusted legislative appropriations	24,527,233	800,000	25,327,233
2017-19 legislative increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(\$6,720,390)	7,484,626	\$764,236
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(27.4%)	935.6%	3.0%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for University System institutions did not include funding for employee salary increases.

Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Decreased per-credit distribution amounts through the higher education funding formula.		(\$3,132,496)		(\$3,132,496)
Adjusted funding distributed through the higher education funding formula to reflect changes in completed student credit-hours.		(3,810,214)		(3,810,214)
Added funding for an inflationary adjustment to provide funding for employee health insurance premium rate increases.		222,320	\$168,410	390,730
Added one-time funding for campus operations and debt repayment.		7,409,626		7,409,626

Provided one-time funding for campus operations. (House Bill No. 1015)		875,000		875,000
Appropriated special funds pursuant to the special fund appropriation reporting change.			29,569,417	29,569,417
Adjusted FTE positions, including the authorization of positions supported by special funds.	48.64			
Total	48.64	\$1,564,236	\$29,737,827	\$31,302,063

FTE Positions and Special Funds Appropriations Reporting Change

The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations include authorization of all FTE positions for institutions and entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, including positions supported by special funds. Previously, only FTE positions supported by the general fund were authorized. The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations also include appropriation authority of all special funds received by the University System office and institutions. Previously, special funds appropriations for the University System office and institutions were provided only for certain items, such as capital projects.

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly authorized 168.90 FTE positions for Dickinson State University for the 2017-19 biennium, an increase of 48.64 FTE positions from the number authorized by the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The adjustment for FTE positions reflects the authorization of positions supported by special funds and adjustments made by institutions to positions supported by the general fund.

One-Time Funding

The Legislative Assembly appropriated the following one-time funding for Dickinson State University for the 2017-19 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Campus operations and debt repayment (Senate Bill No. 2003)	\$7,409,626		\$7,409,626
Campus operations (House Bill No. 1015)	875,000		875,000
Total	\$8,284,626		\$8,284,626

One-Time Campus Operations and Debt Repayment Funding

The Legislative Assembly provided one-time funding to Dickinson State University for campus operations and debt repayment in Senate Bill No. 2003 and House Bill No. 1015. Section 18 of Senate Bill No. 2003 details how the funding provided in the bill is to be utilized. Senate Bill No. 2003 also allows the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended 2013-15 biennium appropriation for higher education challenge grants and provides for the unexpended funds to be transferred to Dickinson State University. The following is a summary of special funding provided to Dickinson State University.

Item	Amount
One-time campus operations funding, of which \$2,309,626 is related to the continuation of the higher education funding formula hold-harmless clause. (Senate Bill No. 2003)	\$4,309,626
One-time funding for the repayment of any outstanding debt of the Biesiot Activities Center. The funding may be used only if it will result in the final satisfaction of any debt associated with the facility. (Senate Bill No. 2003)	3,100,000
One-time campus operations funding. (House Bill No. 1015)	875,000
Continuation of unexpended appropriations for 2013-15 biennium challenge grants to be transferred to Dickinson State University for campus operations. (Senate Bill No. 2003)	950,000
Use of campus reserves for additional funding needed to maintain campus operations. (Senate Bill No. 2003)	2,000,000
Total	\$11,234,626

Section 19 of Senate Bill No. 2003 also requires the State Treasurer to withhold \$2.5 million of oil and gas tax allocations to the City of Dickinson and \$375,000 of oil and gas tax allocations to Stark County and deposit the withheld funds in the state general fund.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2003

Health insurance increase - Section 2 identifies the amount of funding included in the bill for employee health insurance premium increases.

Capital projects - Section 6 requires University System capital projects to conform to campus master plan and space utilization studies and requires a maintenance reserve account for projects over \$5 million. **(The Governor vetoed this section.)**

Higher education funding formula - Section 8 adjusts the base credit-hour funding rate under the higher education funding formula and provides for the reimbursement of 75 percent of the amount related to credits completed under the newly created law enforcement tuition and fee waiver program. Section 9 continues the hold-harmless provision of the formula through June 30, 2019.

Audits of institution foundations - Section 10 limits the types of donor information that can be accessed during an audit of an institution foundation.

Carryover authority - Section 12 continues the authorization through July 31, 2019, for institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to carry over unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

Additional income - Section 14 appropriates any additional special funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

Project management oversight - Section 15 requires capital projects authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to have adequate project oversight by an institution official or representative of an external entity.

Dickinson State University funding - Section 18 provides for the uses of appropriations to Dickinson State University for one-time operation and debt repayment and prohibits the institution from discontinuing any portion of its nursing program. **(The Governor vetoed three words in this section to remove "any portion of" from the provision that the institution may not discontinue any portion of its nursing program.)**

Reallocation of oil and gas tax distributions - Section 19 requires the State Treasurer to withhold \$2.5 million of the City of Dickinson hub city oil and gas tax allocation and \$375,000 from the Stark County oil and gas production tax allocation and deposit the withheld funds in the general fund.

Transfer authority - Section 20 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to transfer funds from an institution's operations to the institution's capital assets line item.

FTE positions - Section 21 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control.

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library carryover authority - Section 24 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended 2013-15 biennium appropriations for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project into the 2017-19 biennium and provides for the uses of the funds. **(The Governor vetoed a provision in this section to require a North Dakota architect to be utilized for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project.)**

Tuition rate increase limit - Section 27 limits resident undergraduate tuition rate increases to 4 percent per year during the 2017-19 biennium. There is no limit for graduate programs or for nonresident tuition rates.

Extraordinary repairs matching funds - Section 28 requires institutions to match state extraordinary repairs funding on a \$2 to \$1 basis using operations or other funding.

Study of nursing programs - Section 36 provides for the State Board of Higher Education to conduct a study on the organization of nursing programs at institutions under its control.

Employee reductions - Section 38 provides legislative intent that if an institution reduces FTE positions, any reductions are to be applied among all classifications of employees with emphasis on senior administrator positions. The section also requires reports to the Legislative Management regarding employee reductions, including whether any employees in an administrative position have been transferred to a different position at an institution.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1015 - Grant to Theodore Roosevelt Center - Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to the Office of Management and Budget to provide a grant to the Dickinson State University Theodore Roosevelt Center for the digitization of documents.

House Bill No. 1030 - Legislative approval of campus improvements - Increases the minimum cost of higher education campus improvements that require the consent of the Legislative Assembly or the Budget Section from \$385,000 to \$700,000 and removes the authority of the Budget Section to approve the construction of any new building or any addition to a building under the control of the State Board of Higher Education.

Senate Bill No. 2013 - Permanent funds distributions - Provides distributions to University System institutions from permanent funds established for the benefit of the institutions.

Senate Bill No. 2193 - Jurisdiction of University System campus law enforcement officers - Clarifies the areas of jurisdiction for campus police officers at institutions that have a campus police department.

Senate Bill No. 2295 - Open records exemption for research and federal Title IX records - Provides an exemption from state open records laws for certain research information and federal Title IX records at University System institutions.