

The Council

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Higher Education Institutions Committee

The interim Higher Education Institutions Committee met on the campuses of Dakota College at Bottineau and Minot State University on April 8th and 9th. The committee received information from representatives of the institutions regarding enrollment, new and expanding academic programs, and shared services with other higher education institutions.

The committee also received information from representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding tribal college grants, faculty tenure, reduced credit degrees, dual credit, a compliance investigation at Dickinson State University, shared services, and the University System's enterprise resource planning system. The University System Chief Operating Officer reported the compliance investigation at Dickinson State University is being conducted by an outside firm and is expected to be completed by June 2026. Representatives of Dickinson State University and North Dakota State University reported the institutions are working together for the provision of student financial services, capital projects oversight, payroll services, bank reconciliations, and other business office functions for Dickinson State University. The University System's Chief Information Officer reported the University System's enterprise resource planning system, currently PeopleSoft, needs replacement at an estimated cost of \$100-\$145 million to be paid over the next 4 bienniums.

Wild horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Medora.

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Did You Know?

The legislative branch website has over 426,000 links! The first website was created in 1997. In 2012, the site was redesigned to provide a more consistent view of information and allow for large amounts of archival information to be added to the website. The current website layout was launched just before the 2023 legislative session and was designed to be more mobile friendly. Since that time, regular updates have been made to conform to the April 2024 Department of Justice ruling that the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act standards also applies to websites. Over the next few weeks, the "Did You Know" articles will provide guidance on information available on the legislative branch website, how to access current and archival information, and provide descriptions about the information that is available.