

# SBHE

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

*Update*

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## SBHE Seeks Input on Fulfilling New Mission from Private/Public Partners

The State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) and North Dakota business and government leaders engaged in a lively discussion of the group's shared commitment to reversing recent economic and demographic trends at the Nov. 15, 2001, SBHE meeting at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D.

The group included Lee Peterson, commissioner of the Department of Commerce; Roger Reiersen, chairman of the New Economy Initiative; Lee Vickers, president of Dickinson State University and host of the Great Plains

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Department of Commerce**

Population Symposium; Jay Leitch, chairman-elect of the Greater North Dakota Association; Jim Melland, president of the North Dakota Economic Development Association; and members of the SBHE and the Chancellor's Cabinet.

The discussion focused on the question, "What can or should the SBHE do—in cooperation with public and private partners—to fulfill the new mission of enhancing the economic and social vitality of North Dakota?" Reiersen described how the

University System and the New Economy Initiative can collaborate to attain shared goals. Vickers shared the following major findings of the symposium:

- Quality of place is the driving force.
- Entrepreneurship is critical.
- Talent attracts talent.
- Cooperation and collaboration within rural areas are essential.
- Utilization of information technology is key.
- Rural policy and agriculture policy are not synonymous.
- The challenge of rural health care must be met.
- Building rural economies requires financial and social capital.

In his remarks, Peterson said, "The University System campuses are a major quality-of-life piece in our communities." He also encouraged the SBHE and the University System to help change the negative aspects of the state's image.

Many of the group's comments centered on staying true to the goals

### **Public and Private Partnerships Built on Trust**



NDUS Photo

*SBHE President Chuck Stroup and Jim Melland, president of the North Dakota Economic Development Association, discuss how the state's private and public partners can work together to attain shared goals.*

and expectations established by the Roundtable on Higher Education, including the importance of a strong private, public and University System partnership. Priority areas of special interest to the private and public sectors include the following:

- Workforce training
- Research and technology
- International business
- Recruitment of students and businesses
- Quality of life and quality of place
- Diversity
- Alumni relations

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## ***The Role of the SBHE***

The State Board of Higher Education is the governing board of the North Dakota University System.

## ***Our Vision***

The North Dakota University System is the vital link to a brighter future.

## ***Our Mission***

The mission of the North Dakota University System is to enhance the quality of life of all those we serve and the economic and social vitality of North Dakota through the discovery, sharing and application of knowledge.

## ***SBHE Update***

The *SBHE Update* is created to increase awareness of the role of the State Board of Higher Education and the North Dakota University System and to ensure the system remains connected to, understood by and accountable to the citizens and needs of the state of North Dakota.

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# **Long-Term Financing Plan and Resource Allocation Model Approved**

At its Nov. 15, 2001, meeting, the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) approved the North Dakota University System's (NDUS) Long-Term Financing Plan and Resource Allocation Model.

Each of the three sections of the plan was discussed and voted on separately. Part A, the operating budget model, was amended and approved. The goal of Part A is to address equity by moving the base operating budget of each NDUS campus to 85 percent of its peer institutions' benchmark in six years and 95 percent of the benchmark in 12 years.

Section B, the capital financing plan, also was amended and approved. This section calls for development of a funding model for repair and replacement of facilities based on age, replacement value and the deferred maintenance backlog at each campus. The new model will be completed prior to development of the 2003-05 budget request.

The SBHE voted to approve Section C of the plan. This section provides financing for incentive/special initiatives that support state priorities. It calls for a funding request equal to 2 percent of the total NDUS state general fund appropriation and would be phased in over six years.

## **SBHE Approves Campus Equity Plan**

The November 2001 State Board of Higher Education meeting agenda included discussion of a proposal for allocation of the equity portion of the 2001-03 campus equity and special needs block grant.

As approved, \$3,703,000 will be used to address campus equity as outlined

in the long-term finance plan. Equity is the difference between the base operating budget of each campus and the per-FTE student funding benchmark adopted by the board as part of the long-term financing plan. These benchmarks were established through peer (or comparable) institutional comparisons.

## **Board Initiative Block Grant Allocated**

A proposal for allocation of roughly two-thirds of the 2001-03 board initiative block grant was reviewed and approved at the Nov. 15, 2001, State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) meeting.

\$1,011,500 of the block grant will be used to:

- Achieve the 2001-02 board objectives.
- Fulfill 2001-03 biennium legislative mandates.
- Implement or sustain initiatives not specifically identified in SBHE action plans, but considered high priority.

Projects funded through this block grant include \$100,000 for the system's articulation and transfer initiative; \$200,000 for a Higher Education Computer Network (HECN) 24-hour,

7-day-per-week help desk; \$201,500 for accountability surveys and reports; and one-time funding of \$250,000 to provide partial financing for the replacement of Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) library software.

## **UND Ph.D. Program Approved**

The November 2001 board meeting agenda included consideration of a proposal to offer a Ph.D. in communications and public discourse at the University of North Dakota.

The proposal was approved, and the new Ph.D. program will begin in the fall of 2002.

# Shaping the System

## Campus Activities Support the Mission

### Bismarck State College

A record 3,044 students enrolled at BSC this fall, resulting in an 11 percent increase compared to the fall semester of 2000.

### Dickinson State University

DSU sponsored a national policy symposium titled "The Great Plains Population Project" Oct. 15-17, 2001, in Bismarck, N.D. About 250 people attended the two and one-half day event which featured experts on the topic of population loss in the Great Plains. As a result of the symposium workshops, more than 100 suggestions for changes in rural policy will be forwarded to Sen. Byron Dorgan. The symposium on local and state policy solutions for rural depopulation will be held April 11 and 12, 2002, at DSU; this event was rescheduled because of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

A record 2,101 students enrolled at DSU this fall; about 60 of the students are from foreign countries.

### Lake Region State College

LRSC and MaSU recently announced that MaSU will offer a bachelor's degree in business administration at LRSC through a variety of delivery methods.

LRSC recently received a \$91,000 grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota to develop and implement a licensed practical nursing distance-learning program. BSC, WSC and several health care provider consortiums will partner in the program.

### Mayville State University

MaSU's second "North Dakota: Heritage and Hope" event was presented Nov. 1, 2001. The program featured nationally-acclaimed humanities scholar and author Clay Jenkinson who portrayed Meriwether Lewis, along with Amy Mossett, an enrolled member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes of Fort Berthold, who portrayed Sacagawea.

### DSU Hosts Population Symposium



DSU Photo

*DSU President Lee Vickers (left) and Dr. Peter Froelich (right), coordinator of the Great Plains Population Symposium, discuss the future of the Great Plains region with Dr. Lowell Catlett (center) of New Mexico State University. Dr. Catlett was a presenter during the symposium held in Bismarck, N.D., Oct. 15-17, 2001.*

### Minot State University

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD), an MiSU-affiliated program, has been awarded a \$269,000 federal grant to improve support for families whose members have developmental disabilities.

### MiSU-Bottineau Campus

MiSU-Bottineau recently signed an agreement with Advanced Information Systems Group (AISG) of Brooklyn Center, Minn. This agreement outlines the terms for providing corporate training in SUN Microsystems technology. SUN Microsystems is an industry leader in network technology.

### North Dakota State College of Science

A partnership between NDCSCS and Haas Automation and Productivity Inc. has provided nearly \$300,000 in new computer numerical controlled (CNC) equipment for the machine tooling program.

In October, NDCSCS and the Richland County Vocational/Technical Center (RCVTC) celebrated the completion of a pre-engineered metal building built by NDCSCS building construction technology students for RCVTC.

### North Dakota State University

A record 10,538 students enrolled at NDSU this fall, resulting in a 5.4 percent increase compared to the fall 2000 semester.

The \$4.5 million Animal Nutrition and Physiology Center was dedicated in September.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the College of Pharmacy's \$2.95 million Sudro Hall construction project were held in October.

The new student-funded \$5.2 million Wellness Center was dedicated in October.

NDSU and UND received a \$6 million National Institutes of Health grant to further develop biomedical research in the state.

### University of North Dakota

James Ray, Nevada businessman and philanthropist, recently contributed \$3.5 million to establish a chair of

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# Recognizing Excellence

## University System People Guide the Vision

### Bismarck State College

"The Laramie Project," BSC's fall drama production, has been selected for participation in the nation's largest competition of college theatrical productions.

### Dickinson State University

**Roger Ternes**, DSU athletic director, has been elected as a member-at-large for the NAIA's Council of Athletics Administrators.

### Mayville State University

**Scott Berry**, MaSU's head baseball coach, will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame, the association's highest honor, on Jan. 4, 2002.

**Jamie Erikksen**, Facilities Services administrative assistant, was named the North Dakota Employees Association (NDPEA) State Employee of the Year in October 2001.

### Minot State University-Bottineau Campus

**Rueben Mayer**, Adult Farm Management assistant professor, was recently elected to a second term as secretary of the North Dakota Agricultural Educators Association.

### North Dakota State College of Science

**Paul Lekang**, architectural drafting instructor, has been named the 2001 Northern Plains Region Outstanding Technical Teacher by the American Technical Education Association.

### North Dakota State University

**Jeffrey Clark**, professor of sociology and anthropology; **Brian Slator**, professor of computer science; and **William Perrizo**, professor of computer science, received a \$713,000 National Science Foundation grant to

develop an anthropology digital archive network.

**NDSU students** contributed more than 81,000 hours to community service and service-learning programs during the 2000-01 academic year.

### Valley City State University

**Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee**, MaSU president, accepted the 2001 IT Pioneer Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education on behalf of MaSU and VCSU. The award was presented by the Information Technology Council of North Dakota and the New Economy Initiative IT Cluster.

### Williston State College

**Ken Quamme** and **David Anfinson**, instructors at WSC, are facility interns with Cisco Systems Inc.

## NDSCS Campus Mission Statement Revised

At its November 2001 meeting, the State Board of Higher Education approved the following revised mission statement for the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS):

*The North Dakota State College of Science is a comprehensive, associate degree-granting college founded on a tradition of quality and integrity. We deliver learner-focused education through a unique and evolving collegiate experience. Using innovative delivery strategies, NDSCS anticipates and responds to statewide and regional needs by providing access to occupational/technical programs, transfer programs and workforce training.*

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entrepreneurship in the College of Business and Public Administration and to support the efforts of the Center for Innovation in assisting technology entrepreneurs.

A total of \$9.7 million was spent at UND for Indian-related programs and financial aid during FY 2001, up \$1.2 million from FY 2000. The money came from 109 separate sources, many of them federal agencies, but also from the state, tribal governments, foundations and other sources.

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) recently observed its 50th anniversary. In FY 2001, the center generated more than \$19 million in contract revenues. Salaries and benefits this year will total \$12.4 million, with an estimated regional impact of more than \$48 million.

### Valley City State University

The VCSU Community School of the Arts has been chosen to appear on a PBS website that highlights arts organizations across the county.

Information now is available at [www.pbs.org/dancin](http://www.pbs.org/dancin).

In cooperation with NDSCS, VCSU will begin offering a licensed practical nursing (LPN) degree beginning with the spring 2002 semester. VCSU will provide general education and science courses, while NDSCS will provide clinical supervision and advanced LPN courses.



NDUS Photos

Participants in the November SBHE meeting discussion of public and private partnerships included: (above) WSC President Joseph McCann, MiSU President Erik Shaar and Lee Peterson, commissioner of the Department of Commerce; and (at right) former SBHE member Marijo Shide and current SBHE members Richard Kunkel and Beverly Clayburgh.



## A Shared Commitment to the Future of North Dakota

## Policy Manual Revisions Adopted

Amendments to five board policies on faculty disciplinary proceedings and grievances and a new policy on mediation were adopted at the November 2001 board meeting at the University of North Dakota. The policies are:

- 605.1 - Academic Freedom and Tenure; Academic Appointments
- 605.2 - Standing Committee on Faculty Rights
- 605.3 - Nonrenewal, Termination or Dismissal of Faculty
- 605.4 - Hearings and Appeals
- 605.5 - Mediation (a new policy)
- 612 - Faculty Grievances

## EPSCoR Funding Plan Approved

The approval of a plan to release \$4 million in state funds dedicated to matching federal research and development dollars was announced at the November 2001 SBHE meeting.

These monies will be used to retain and attract federal funding for the North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and other University System EPSCoR-like programs. Because of EPSCoR's demonstrated success, the 2001-03 biennium state general fund budget included an increase from \$2 million to \$4 million for the program.

Between the inception of the program in 1986 and 2001, the state's overall investment of \$10.9 million attracted more than \$65 million in external awards to EPSCoR-supported researchers.

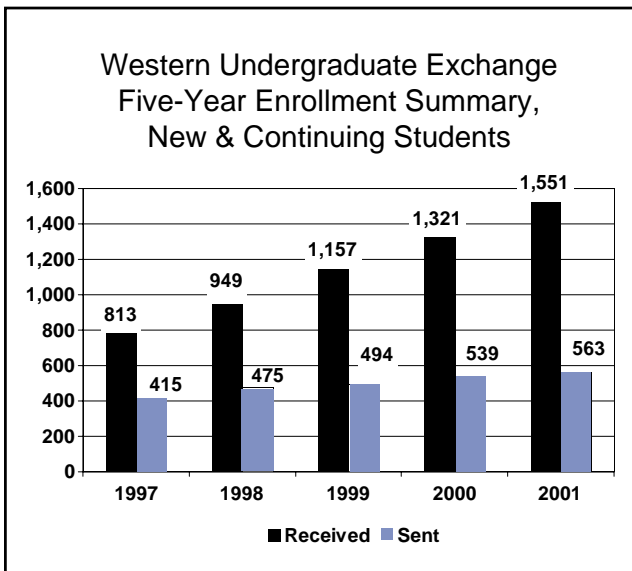
## NDUS Benefits from Increases in Out-of-State WICHE Enrollment

Enrollment of out-of-state students in University System institutions through the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) program has nearly doubled in the past five years, according to a report provided by Chancellor Larry Isaak at the November 2001 SBHE meeting.

Through WICHE, students in 15 western states enroll in programs not offered in their home states at reduced tuition rates. The growth in WICHE enrollment is reflected in the chart below.

In the fall of 2001, North Dakota campuses enrolled 1,551 students from other WICHE states at 150 percent of the resident tuition rate. During the same period, 563 North Dakota residents attended college in other WICHE states at reduced rates.

At an earlier meeting, the board also approved system participation in the Midwest Higher Education Commission Undergraduate Student Exchange Program effective in the fall of 2001.



# SBHE Begins Review of the 400 Section of the Policy Manual

The 400 section of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy Manual was presented to the board for review at its November 2001 meeting.

The 400 section contains policies related to academic affairs. Both the Chancellor's Cabinet and the Academic Affairs Council previously

had reviewed and suggested amendments to policies in this section.

The SBHE accepted these recommendations and directed University System staff to prepare policy amendments for consideration at the January 2002 board meeting.

## Consent Agenda Items Approved

The State Board of Higher Education approved several consent agenda items at the November 2001 board meeting.

One such action was the authorization of Williston State College to seek

Budget Section approval to increase spending for its Health Sciences and Sports Complex project from \$4.5 million to \$5.25 million. A request by North Dakota State University to award an honorary Ph.D. to U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan also was approved.

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Following the discussion, SBHE members were asked to project 10 years into the future and to share their vision of the University System's impact on the economic and social vitality of the state in the year 2011.

The first day of the SBHE meeting ended with a similar dialogue between Grand Forks-area business and community leaders and SBHE members. Gov. John Hoeven, who was on campus as part of his Excellence in Education Tour, also participated in the discussion.

### **Upcoming SBHE Meetings**

- Jan. 17, 2002 Fort Berthold Comm. College New Town, N.D.
- Feb. 21-22, 2002 NDSU
- Mar. 21-22, 2002 LRSC