NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 Roughrider Room, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order Roll call

Consideration of the minutes of the September 23, 2009, meeting

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY

- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the chairman regarding the committee meeting
- 9:10 a.m. Discussion with members of the State Board of Higher Education regarding topics in each of the following Higher Education Roundtable cornerstone areas:

Education Excellence

- Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding the University System strategic plan
- Discussion regarding the 1999-2000 Higher Education Roundtable report, including potential changes
- Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding a consultant's recent recommendations for improving governance of the University System

Funding and Rewards

- Presentation by representatives of the State Auditor's office of the internal control and compliance report on the audit of the general purpose financial statements included in the June 30, 2008, annual financial report for the University System and of the audit of the University System office
- Presentation by a representative of the University System office of the annual financial report for the University System for the year ended June 30, 2008
- Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding the presentation of budget information to the Legislative Assembly, including the feasibility of presenting budget information segregated by research activities, education, and administration
- Discussion regarding the potential implementation of a new higher education funding mechanism
- Discussion regarding higher education transparency measures
- Discussion regarding funding provided to institutions based on productivity
- Discussion regarding the use of incentive funding

Flexible and Responsive System

• Presentation by representatives of the University System regarding the missions of institutions, including potential mission changes

Accessible System

- Discussion regarding the use of collaboration in providing higher education programs to various parts of the state
- Discussion regarding education affordability

Economic Development Connection

- Presentation by a representative of the University System regarding the effectiveness of centers of excellence and potential future centers to enhance economic development
- Discussion regarding the use of the University System as a source of economic development activities

Sustaining the Vision

 Discussion regarding the use of the Higher Education Roundtable in the future and the means to increase communication between the Legislative Assembly and the State Board of Higher Education

Luncheon recess
Continuation of the Higher Education Roundtable cornerstone discussion
Concluding comments by the chairman
Other committee discussion and staff directives
Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Bob Skarphol (Chairman), Lois Delmore, Mark A. Dosch, Kathy Hawken, Brenda Heller, Dennis Johnson, Nancy Johnson, RaeAnn G. Kelsch, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Darrell D. Nottestad, Kenton Onstad, Ken Svedjan, Clark Williams

Senators John M. Andrist, Tim Flakoll, Tony S. Grindberg, Ray Holmberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Tom Seymour