

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 13, 2006  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes from the May 10-11, 2006, and June 13, 2006, meetings
- HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY**
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by a representative of MGT of America, Inc., relating to committee member requests for clarification of recommendations and explanation of supporting information relating to the final report for the higher education funding and accountability study
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System of:
- The State Board of Higher Education implementation of the recommendations included in the MGT of America, Inc., final report for the higher education funding and accountability study, including information on revisions to the long-term finance plan and accountability measures
  - Information on parity funding, including a list of costs included in the definition of parity, the calculation of parity, and the most recent budget numbers in which parity distribution was made
  - Information on the distribution of equity funding for the 2005-07 biennium not including the \$2 million equity pool allocated by the State Board of Higher Education
  - The status of utilities budgets for the institutions of higher education for the 2005-07 biennium
  - An overview of the North Dakota University System budget request for the 2007-09 biennium
- 11:00 a.m. Review by representatives of the North Dakota University System, North Dakota State University, and the University of North Dakota of responses regarding issues raised at the April 13, 2006, meeting relating to peer funding formulas at North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota, including:
- North Dakota State University**
- What influence does the additional funding (for agriculture research experiment stations and extension) have on the associated entities
  - How much influence do these funds have on the budget for North Dakota State University
  - Breakout of the funding for agriculture research experiment stations and extension from the budget for North Dakota State University
  - Is it correct that funding for agriculture research experiment stations and extension is not tied to students
- University of North Dakota**
- What influence does the additional funding (for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences) have on the associated entities

- What is the per student (full-time equivalent) general fund appropriation for the University of North Dakota and the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- How much influence does the additional funding have on the associated entities
- Breakout of the funding for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences from the budget for the University of North Dakota
- Is it correct that funding for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences does support students

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the private sector regarding the higher education funding and accountability study

### **OTHER ITEMS**

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System of:

- A final report regarding faculty written and verbal English proficiency
- The professional student exchange program study conducted for the State Board of Higher Education
- Information regarding dual-credit programs at higher education institutions, including enrollment, student costs, and potential barriers to students
- A status report on the P-16 Initiative, including information on the provision of remedial education by higher education institutions, how higher education institutions determine remedial education is necessary, and the possibility of requiring four credits of mathematics for high school graduation

### **PROPOSED BILL DRAFTS**

3:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of bill drafts providing for the continuation of legislation passed by the 2005 Legislative Assembly regarding:

- Higher education special revenue funds continuing appropriation authority
- Budget requests, budget estimates, and block grant appropriations for the North Dakota University System
- Higher education carryover of unspent general fund appropriations

3:30 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding the bill drafts relating to the continuation of legislation passed by the 2005 Legislative Assembly

3:45 p.m. Committee discussion of the MGT of America, Inc., recommendations and consideration of the proposed bill drafts

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Senators Ray Holmberg (Chairman), Tim Flakoll, Tony Grindberg, Nicholas P. Hacker, Ed Kringstad, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, David O'Connell

Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Tom Brusegaard, Lois Delmore, Mary Ekstrom, Kathy Hawken, Nancy Johnson, Andrew G. Maragos, Bob Martinson, Darrell D. Nottestad, Mark S. Owens, Earl Rennerfeldt, Steven L. Zaiser