

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday and Thursday, November 9-10, 2005  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Prairie Room, Student Union, Bismarck State College  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**Wednesday, November 9, 2005 - Roughrider Room, State Capitol**

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY**

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes from the October 5, 2005, meeting
- 1:05 p.m. Presentation by representatives of MGT of America, Inc., regarding the status of the higher education funding and accountability study, including information on the following tasks:
- Develop consensus on guiding principles for evaluating the long-term financing plan and on a set of criteria for peer designation
  - Identify sources of information and describe the state of higher education
  - Assess the long-term financing plan and the appropriateness of the peers
  - Evaluate previous Higher Education Roundtable recommendations
  - Evaluate accountability measures and benchmarks
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by representatives of the State Board of Higher Education, institutions of higher education, and higher education students regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by representatives of the executive branch regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 4:15 p.m. Recess

**Thursday, November 10, 2005 - Prairie Room, Student Union, Bismarck State College, 1500 Edwards Avenue**

**BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE - MEETING AND BUDGET TOUR**

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Bismarck State College regarding:
- An overview of the campus
  - Campus initiatives and programs, including information on unique and special interest programs and workforce education and training partnerships and programs
  - Campus responses to the following main themes that emerged from the June 2004 Higher Education Roundtable meeting:

Meeting the rapidly changing education and training needs of business and industry, including the need for enhanced soft skills development

Communicating and sustaining the vision of the Higher Education Roundtable within the campus and with public stakeholders

- An analysis of current enrollment information, including information on the number of students served on campus versus the number of students served through distance education methods and information on short- and long-term enrollment strategies and plans for responding to the demographic trends in North Dakota over the next 10 years
- Funding challenges and opportunities for state investment, including information on centers of excellence
- Status of any capital improvements for the 2005-07 biennium and anticipated 2007-09 capital improvement needs

11:00 a.m.	Budget tour of Bismarck State College facilities
12:15 p.m.	Luncheon recess
1:00 p.m.	Committee discussion
1:30 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