

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 8-10, 2008

West Heritage Room, Doublewood Inn

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

**Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - West Heritage Room, Doublewood Inn, 1400 East Interchange Avenue**

8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes from the August 20, 2008, meeting

**HIGHER EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE**

Representatives of business, industry, the State Board of Higher Education, the institutions of higher education, higher education students, the executive branch, and private and tribal higher education institutions will join the committee for a Higher Education Roundtable discussion.

8:35 a.m. Comments by Representative Ken Svedjan, Chairman, Higher Education Committee, regarding the purpose and intended outcome of the Higher Education Roundtable meeting

8:50 a.m. Introduction of roundtable members

8:55 a.m. Comments by Mr. William G. Goetz, Chancellor, North Dakota University System, regarding:

- The Higher Education Roundtable process
- The cornerstones identified by the Higher Education Roundtable

9:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Don Morton, Microsoft, regarding the results from the work of previous Higher Education Roundtables

9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Joe Rothschilder, Steffes Corporation, regarding results from the work of previous Higher Education Roundtables

9:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dennis Jones, President, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, regarding discussion group topic areas

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Convene discussion groups to consider comments and recommendations made by members of the private sector, economic development, workforce development, and elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for action by the Legislative Assembly, the State Board of Higher Education, the executive branch, and the private sector. Discussion areas include:

- Education attainment
- Accessibility
- Contribution to economic development
- Workforce needs

Discussion groups will develop recommendations for action steps and the assignment of responsibility for completion of the steps

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

- 1:00 p.m. Comments by representatives of the discussion groups regarding recommendations for action by the Legislative Assembly, the State Board of Higher Education, the executive branch, and the private sector
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jones regarding a comparison of goals, recommendations, objectives, and action steps developed by the discussion groups of the Higher Education Roundtable, the Higher Education Committee, and the State Board of Higher Education
- 2:30 p.m. Roundtable discussion of goals and action steps
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by Mr. Jones and roundtable discussion regarding action steps requiring legislative action by the 2009 Legislative Assembly and higher education accountability measures
- 4:30 p.m. Comments by Chairman Svedjan
- 5:00 p.m. Conclusion of Higher Education Roundtable and committee recess

**Thursday, October 9, 2008 - Roughrider Room, State Capitol**

**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY**

- 8:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jones regarding the outcomes and recommendations of the Higher Education Roundtable and recommendations for committee action
- 9:00 a.m. Discussion facilitated by Mr. Jones regarding higher education finance policy, higher education governance, committee goals, and North Dakota University System performance and accountability measures
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding goals and performance and accountability measures of the University System
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding 2007-09 biennium higher education funding, including the percentage provided by the general fund and tuition income, and the projected future higher education funding based on the financing system presented by Mr. Jones
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding the 2009-11 biennium higher education budget request presented in the format proposed by Mr. Jones
- 11:55 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the history of selecting nominations for members of the State Board of Higher Education
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft to extend the continuing appropriation of special revenue funds for the North Dakota University System, to extend the authority to continue unspent general fund appropriations, to continue the requirement of a block grant format for University System budget requests and appropriations, to continue the higher education study in the 2009-10 interim, and to provide legislative intent for the requirements of the University System performance and accountability report pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-14.2
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding the bill draft
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the bill draft
- 2:10 p.m. Committee discussion of the bill draft
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the higher education study

- 3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and consideration of any recommendations regarding the higher education study
- 4:00 p.m. Recess

**Friday, October 10, 2008**

**STUDY OF THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED**

- 8:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding the department's priority of options for the School for the Deaf and status of the development of recommendations for consideration by the 2009 Legislative Assembly
- 9:00 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the available options for the School for the Deaf
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft to continue the deaf and hearing-impaired services study during the 2009-10 interim and to provide an appropriation for the use of a consultant
- 10:15 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the deaf and hearing-impaired services study and the bill draft regarding the continuation of the study
- 10:45 a.m. Committee discussion of the bill draft to continue the deaf and hearing-impaired services study
- 11:00 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives, including a motion to prepare the committee's final report and any recommended legislation for presentation to the Legislative Council
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Ken Svedjan (Chairman), Lois Delmore, Kathy Hawken, RaeAnn G. Kelsch, Matthew M. Klein, Bob Martinson, Jasper Schneider, Bob Skarphol, John D. Wall, Clark Williams  
Senators Ray Holmberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, Dave Oehlke, Tracy Potter, Larry J. Robinson

**Roundtable Members**

Joseph A. Chapman, David Fuller, Gary Hagen, Robert Kelley, Richard McCallum, Franklin Michael, Deannette Piesik, Ken Quamme, John Richman, Shirley Wilson, William G. Goetz (ex officio nonvoting), Greg Allen, Marlys Brown, David Farnsworth, Jennifer Feist, John Giese, Don Hedger, Dennis Hill, Terry J. Jorde, James K. Laducer, David Molmen, Don Morton, Mark Nisbet, Roger Reiersen, Joe Rothschilder, Gene Veeder, Jason Zimmerman, Delore Zimmerman, Robert S. Badal, Jim Davis, Sue Andrews, Jon Backes, Haylee Cripe, Duaine Espegard, Michael Haugen, Jon Jackson, Pam Kostelecky, Grant Shaft, Richie Smith, Maren Daley, Dakota Draper, Eric Hardmeyer, Shane C. Goettle, David Kemnitz, Wayne Kutzer, Ron Rauschenberger, Wayne Sanstead, David Sprynczynatyk, Paul Stremick, Senator Tony Grindberg