

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE WORK TOPICS

Discussion of potential recommendations to the State Board of Higher Education:

- Consider implementation of a direct admissions program.
- Consider clarifying whether student achievement measure (SAM) retention and completion data is more appropriate for North Dakota than Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data.
- Review distance education from a systemwide perspective.
- Other potential recommendations

Discussion of potential recommendations to the Legislative Management:

- Consider the potential for TrainND and other non-degree seeking classes to become self-funded.
- Other potential recommendations

Discussion of potential recommended legislation:

- Create law to require professional student exchange program (PSEP) students return to the state for a certain number of years or reimburse the state for the tuition assistance provided. Currently, most PSEP rules for veterinarians, optometrists, and dentists are in North Dakota University System Procedure 500.3. Current PSEP funding per student ranges from approximately \$50,000 to \$130,000, dependent upon the academic program and institution at which the student is enrolled.
 - Options may include:
 - Continue PSEP in its current form, with tuition buy-down payments made to the university.
 - Amend PSEP to make payments to veterinarians, optometrists, and dentists after they have returned to and worked in North Dakota for 3 years.
 - Amend PSEP to use a portion of PSEP funding to buy-down tuition and the remainder to pay veterinarians, optometrists, and dentists after they have returned to and worked in North Dakota for 3 years.
- Continue the higher education challenge matching grant program. If Dickinson State University is to be eligible, Section 15-10-49 will need to be amended to include the institution. Sections 15-10-48 and 15-10-49 may need to be amended depending on the appropriation amount.
- Continue requiring matching funds in order to use appropriated extraordinary repairs funding (Section 28 of 2017 Senate Bill No. 2003).
- Provide a funding pool for research to be allocated to campuses that can match each \$1 of funding from the pool with \$2 from other sources.
- Provide research funding for targeted emerging technologies and other high potential research areas.

- Provide funding for University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences residency positions.
- Increase funding for student financial assistance grants (state needs-based scholarships).
- Create a committee to review the higher education funding formula.
- Amend law relating to the Higher Education Funding Formula:
 - Extend the "hold-harmless" provision in Section 15-18.2-06, which is set to expire June 30, 2019.
 - Build in performance funding for targeted items, including:
 - Achieving targeted outcomes in retention and/or completion, including outcomes for:
 - Low income students.
 - Students 25 years of age or older who reenrolled after not completing a degree.
 - Enrollment in targeted academic programs for high priority workforce needs, including:
 - Nursing.
 - Other areas identified by Job Service North Dakota.
- Other potential legislation