

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE SYSTEM GOVERNANCE FUNDING - SURVEY OF THE EFFECT OF FUNDING REDUCTIONS FOR THE 2011-13 BIENNIUM

The appropriations for the North Dakota University System include a system governance line item in the system office budget which is used for the operations of the University System office and other system initiatives. The table below compares total funding included in the 2011-13 executive budget recommendation for system governance and 2011-13 legislative appropriations for system governance.

2011-13 Executive Budget Recommendation	2011-13 Legislative Appropriations	Legislative Appropriations Compared to the Executive Budget Recommendation
\$7,654,134	\$6,877,272	(\$776,862)

SURVEY OF THE EFFECT OF FUNDING REDUCTIONS

As requested by the Higher Education Committee at the November 3-4, 2011, committee meeting, the University System office and campuses were surveyed to determine the effect of the funding reduction on higher education institutions.

University System Office

The schedule below details the response by the University System office regarding budget reductions approved by the State Board of Higher Education that may affect campuses or system initiatives.

	2011-13 Biennium Funding Reductions ¹
Discontinue online subscription fees for Community of Science (grant opportunities and faculty profile) and CCbenefits, Inc. - Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI) (employment data to interested campuses)	\$195,000
Discontinue certain accountability surveys	250,900
Discontinue HERI (faculty workload) survey	16,300
Provide "Project Vital Link" viewbook in an electronic form rather than a hardcopy version	34,000
Discontinue funding for hosting a research and development summit	5,000
Discontinue funding to provide annual controller/accountant training	8,000
Total	\$509,200

¹The State Board of Higher Education approves an annual budget for the University System office. The amounts shown are based on the assumption that the program or service will not be reinstated for the second year of the 2011-13 biennium.

Attached as an [appendix](#) is additional information regarding the University System office budget, including funding reductions.

Bismarck State College (BSC)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Selected surveys used for accountability measures by the University System	Loss of trend data and ability to use for assessment and decisionmaking. Options are currently being considered to absorb the costs, develop in-house surveys, or discontinue.	\$22,000 to \$33,000 depending on which option is chosen for each survey.	Reallocation of appropriated (general fund appropriations and tuition revenue) and/or other funds
Controllers annual professional development meeting	Will continue with the program and BSC will absorb the costs which are minimal.	\$400	Reallocation of appropriated funds
Employment data software (EMSI)	BSC has not made extensive use of this tools, therefore, will not continue the subscription.	\$0	N/A

Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Accountability surveys	DCB purchased surveys that were previously purchased by the University System office.	\$4,064	General fund and tuition
Annual controller training	DCB will assume the cost of this training that was previously paid by the University System office.	\$400	General fund and tuition

Dickinson State University (DSU)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Reimbursement for postage costs associated with campus surveys	Surveys will be taken as needed with associated postage costs paid by DSU.	\$2,400	General fund
Controller training	DSU will assume the cost of this training previously paid by the University System office.	\$200	General fund

Lake Region State College (LRSC)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
College student survey (also referred to as RMS)	Surveys were paid in advance to fiscal year 2011-12 by the University System office. Will be discontinued by the University System office due to cost. Program has been completed every other year.	LRSC cannot afford to provide surveys after fiscal year 2012. Survey costs are \$7.50 per survey and 5 percent handling fee and postage.	Funding not available in the LRSC budget to continue the survey
Campus quality survey	Eliminated due to cost of \$81,000 to the University System office. Program has been done every other year.	LRSC cannot absorb the cost if the total dollars are divided among the institutions. Survey costs are approximately \$7.50 per survey and shipping and handling charges.	Funding not available in the LRSC budget to continue the survey

Mayville State University (MaSU)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Student satisfaction and priority survey	Surveys will be continued but costs will be paid by MaSU rather than the University System office.	\$1,500	Grant funding
Campus quality survey	Surveys will be continued but costs will be paid by MaSU rather than the University System office.	\$800	Grant funding
College student inventory survey	Surveys will be continued but costs will be paid by MaSU rather than the University System office.	\$1,500	Student course fee increase
Alumni/employer survey mailings	Surveys will be continued but costs will be paid by MaSU rather than the University System office.	\$800	Department operating appropriation
Controller/accountant training	MaSU will pay the training costs rather than the University System office.	\$400	Department operating appropriation

Minot State University (MSU)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Accountability measures	Individual University System institutions must pay survey costs previously paid by the University System office.	<p>Surveys previously paid by the University System office and identified as necessary in student and campus assessment by MSU. Will now be paid by MSU:</p> <p>Student satisfaction inventory \$2.00/survey = \$4,000 biannually</p> <p>Priorities survey for online learners \$2.00/survey = \$800 biannually</p> <p>College student inventory \$7.50/survey = \$3,800 annually</p> <p>Faculty survey of student engagement \$3.50/survey = \$875 biannually</p>	Institutional Research Office operating funds from the MSU Vice President of Academic Affairs funds

North Dakota State University (NDSU)

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Community of Science online subscription	Subscription was allocated in part to NDSU in order to continue the service.	Proposed allocation to NDSU was approximately \$18,000/annually (\$36,000/biennium).	None - NDSU declined to continue the subscription.
Surveys: 1. College student retention 2. Student satisfaction 3. Postsecondary online satisfaction	Proposed discontinuation of survey(s) reporting information. Where an alternative is identified, the cost will be paid by the campus.	Total survey costs are estimated at \$124,500/biennium. The financial amount each campus would pay has not been determined nor provided by the University System office.	Appropriated, however the financial impact to each individual campus is not determined.
Research and development summit	Held one time during biennium and will continue if host campus assumes cost	The cost to the host campus is approximately \$5,000.	Determined by host campus
Controller/accountant training	Annual training, registration will now be paid by each participant.	Cost per participant is approximately \$100.	Appropriated

State College of Science (SCS)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Elimination of funding for college student inventory survey for student advising and retention	No comparable data available on at-risk students and ability to align student needs with campus resources.	Cost of survey to SCS at present enrollment is \$7,000 per year. The University System office paid 2011-12 costs.	Student assessment fee increase
Elimination of funding for campus quality survey	Comparable national data necessary for accreditation and Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Systems Portfolio.	Cost of survey is \$4,800 at present employee numbers, administered every two years.	Reallocation of operating budget
Elimination of funding for student satisfaction inventory and priorities survey for online learners (online version) - Student retention/student life/accreditation/AQIP data	Inability to gauge student satisfaction with products and services. Loss of national comparable data needed for accreditation and AQIP Systems Portfolio.	Cost of survey is \$5,372 every two years at present student enrollment.	Student assessment fee increase
Elimination of HERI survey - Lack of national comparison data on faculty	No other survey measures faculty perceptions on institutional priorities, teaching, civic engagement, satisfaction, etc.	Cost of survey is \$2,000. This survey will not be conducted due to cost.	No funding source
Elimination of nonreturning student survey - Student retention - Surveys students who leave before completing program of study.	Surveys students who leave before completing program of study.	Cost of survey is \$1,000 per year. This survey will not be conducted due to cost.	No funding source

University of North Dakota (UND)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of the Program or Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
Accountability surveys: 1. Withdrawing/nonreturning student survey	UND plans to discontinue this survey due to the limited value of returned responses. UND (registrar's office) currently collects data on students when they withdraw. In the past, Institutional Research has also done a telephone survey to determine why students did not return to UND. Institutional Research will also continue investigating nonreturning students through the use of other tools (e.g., utilizing National Student Clearinghouse).	N/A	N/A

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2. Campus quality survey	Tentative recommendation is that this survey, or another employee type survey, be administered every four years if campus funds allow.	Approximately \$6,600	Not identified
3. College student inventory (CSI) survey	The tentative recommendation is that this survey be discontinued. While a very valuable early alert student inventory, the campus has undertaken other in-house early alert processes which may take the place of the CSI. UND also regularly administers the CIRP-freshman survey or the beginning college survey of student engagement to help assess entering freshmen.	Approximately \$17,000 per year	Not identified
4. Student satisfaction inventory (SSI) and priorities survey for online learners (PSOL)	UND primarily utilizes the national survey of student engagement for investigating student engagement, success, and satisfaction. UND also regularly administers the CIRP-senior survey, and locally developed UND sophomore and graduating student surveys for assessment purposes. The tentative plan is to administer the SSI and PSOL every four years as campus funding is available.	Approximately \$7,600 per year	Not identified
5. HERI faculty survey	UND has scheduled a faculty survey to be administered every six years. We may look at alternating between the HERI faculty survey and the Collaborative on Academic Careers on Higher Education (COACHE) survey, administered through Harvard University's Graduate School of Education to assess faculty experiences, job satisfaction, and career development.	Approximately \$1,200 for HERI survey and approximately \$20,000 for COACHE survey	
Annual controller/accountant training	UND supports continuing the training and would pay a registration fee. Training has not been scheduled for fiscal year 2012.	\$80-\$100 per participant	General appropriation
Online subscription for Community of Science	UND is still considering options for fiscal year 2012.	Unknown	Local funding
Project Vital Link viewbook	Not having a hardcopy has not been an issue for UND.	N/A	

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Research and development summit	UND supports continuing the summit provided each campus contributes.	\$5,000	General fund appropriation

Valley City State University (VCSU)

Program or Project Affected	How Program or Project Was Affected	Estimated Funding to Be Paid by Your Institution During the 2011-13 Biennium as a Result of Program/Project Change	Source of Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Program or Project Change
CSI college student survey	Formerly paid by the University System office; now to be paid by VCSU.	\$3,500	Appropriated funds
SSI student satisfaction survey	Formerly paid by the University System office; now to be paid by VCSU.	\$1,150	Appropriated funds
PSOL online student satisfaction survey	Formerly paid by the University System office; now to be paid by VCSU.	\$525	Appropriated funds
Campus quality survey	Formerly paid by the University System office; now to be paid by VCSU.	\$1,575	Appropriated funds
ACT withdrawing/nonreturning survey	Formerly paid by the University System office; now to be paid by VCSU.	\$800	Appropriated funds
Controller/accountant training	Training previously paid by the University System office; now a registration fee will be charged to each participant.	\$800	Appropriated funds

Williston State College

Williston State College did not have any programs or projects affected by the funding reductions for system governance.

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