Private sector members of the Roundtable on Higher Education held a news conference after the Feb. 27, 2007, Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on HB 1003, the North Dakota University System budget bill.

Spokesman Don Morton, Microsoft, said higher education brings overwhelming benefits to private businesses, and decreasing the amount of funding for higher education will move the state backward. "We truly recognize it and we see it every day, the value proposition around our university system. Whether you are in Grand Forks, North Dakota — or Williston or Dickinson or Fargo — we see the value."

Prior to the news conference, private sector roundtable members attended the Senate Appropriations Committee meeting. Don Hedger, president of Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, submitted a statement of support for the State Board of Higher Education and NDUS 2007 legislative agenda signed by private sector roundtable members.

"Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, North Dakota has made significant progress over the past few years in terms of growing our economy," Hedger said. "That growth is a result of a stronger partnership between the state, business and our universities and colleges. It was the roundtable that identified our university system as a catalyst in growing our economy, and, since the acceptance of the Roundtable Report by the Legislature, our universities and colleges have had a major impact on our economy. They have taken the mission of being a catalyst very seriously and have allocated resources to leverage significant economic growth.

“Our colleges and universities have played a major role in our state’s growth, just as they were asked,” he said. “They did so by utilizing their resources to invest in research and new programs that have helped existing businesses grow and new ones begin. Their efforts have helped attract new knowledge-based industry to our state, raising our salary base and, in turn, taxable income. Now it’s our state’s turn to respond. The roundtable suggested that if higher education significantly contributed to growing the state’s economy, they would share in the benefits. They have stepped up to the plate and should be rewarded accordingly. That reward is reflected in the budget submitted by the State Board of Higher Education and in Governor Hoeven’s budget.

Private sector roundtable members who participated in the Feb. 27, 2007, news conference were, left to right: Dennis Hill, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives; Daryl Splichal, Montana Dakota Utilities Resources Group; Don Hedger, Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing; Roger Reiersen, Flint Communications; Don Morton, Microsoft (speaking), Bruce Furness, State Bank and Trust of Fargo; Tom Shorma, WCCO Belting; and Delore Zimmerman, CEO Praxis.
2007–08 Officers Elected

John Q. Paulsen was re-elected president of the State Board of Higher Education and Richie Smith was elected vice president at the March 15, 2007, board meeting. Their terms will begin July 1, 2006.

Paulsen, a retired executive vice president of MeritCare Medical Group in Fargo, N.D., has served on the board since July 2004. He is a native of Fargo and a graduate of North Dakota State University.

Smith, an attorney with Smith, Stroge and Fredericksen, Ltd., in Wahpeton, N.D., has served on the board since July 2005. A native of Campbell, Minn., Smith received a bachelor's degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., and a juris doctorate from Creighton University School of Law.

SBHE Members Confirmed

The North Dakota Senate confirmed three State Board of Higher Education members February 13, 2007, including Sue Andrews who was reappointed to a second term in 2006 and John Backes and Grant Shaft who were appointed in December 2006.

Andrews has been a member of the SBHE since 2002. She is the executive director of the YMCA of NDSU.

Anders currently serves on the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation. She has been active in many community service organizations in the Fargo, N.D., area.

A native of Fargo, Andrews attended the University of North Dakota and received a bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University.

Jon Backes was appointed to a four-year term on the SBHE beginning in July 2007. He is a practicing lawyer in the Minot law firm of McGee, Hankla, Backes and Dobrovolny, P.C., where his practice focuses on assisting clients with their business, real estate and commercial law needs.

Backes is active in many community service organizations, including the Minot State University Development Foundation and St. Joseph’s Community Health Foundation. He is an examiner for the multi-state practice test component of the North Dakota state bar exam.

Grant Shaft was appointed to a four-year term on the SBHE beginning in 2007. He is a partner in the law firm of Shaft, Reis and Shaft, Ltd., in Grand Forks, N.D.

Shaft has been an active member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar Associations of North Dakota and Minnesota. He was a member of the North Dakota House of Representatives from 1986 to 1990.

A native of Grand Forks, Shaft received a bachelor’s degree from Arizona State University and a juris doctorate from the University of North Dakota.
Student Transfers on the Increase

Student transfers from one University System college or university to another and transfer from institutions outside the system has increased dramatically since 2001, according to a report provided by Dr. Philip Parnell, NDUS director of articulation and transfer, at the January State Board of Higher Education meeting.

The growing number of transfer students makes development and implementation of transfer-friendly programs and policies very important; it also underscores the significant need to bring together faculty and staff from across the state to ensure seamless movement among NDUS institutions. In response to these needs, common course numbering (CCN) academic discipline groups made up of NDUS and North Dakota tribal college representatives now meet regularly.

In the past, a typical transfer student attended one community college prior to transferring to one university. Student transfers now vary greatly, including:

- Lower division lateral transfers (community college to community college)
- Traditional transfers (community college to university)
- Upper division lateral transfers (university to university)
- Reverse transfers (university to community college) and
- Concurrent enrollment (students attending two or more institutions simultaneously)

In addition to the 2005–06 report provided by Parnell, a second phase of the study will begin in the summer of 2007. Key findings of the 2005–06 report include:

- Only 50 percent of North Dakota transfer students are traditional transfers moving from community colleges to universities.
- More than 30 percent of community college transfers complete A.A., A.S. or A.A.S. degrees prior to transferring.
- Students transferring from community colleges earned an average of 40.1 credits prior to transferring; university students earned an average of 48 credits before transferring.
- 34 percent of the university students identified as transfer students had already transferred at least once prior to the current transfer.

NDUS Student Transfers

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Source: Follow-up Report on 2004 Placements of 2003 NDUS Graduates

NDUS Provides Annual Accountability Measures Report

North Dakota University System colleges and universities perform very well when compared to other states and national standards, as demonstrated in the 6th Annual Accountability Measures Report.

Presented to the State Board of Higher Education at its Jan. 2007 meeting, the 2006 report reflects some of the many ways NDUS colleges and universities are developing the human capital needed to create a brighter future for our citizens and state. NDUS institutions are educating future leaders who will provide the talent, energy and innovation to keep North Dakota competitive in today’s knowledge-based economy. The yearly document is prepared at the direction of the Legislative Assembly and the Roundtable on Higher Education.

The accountability measures are presented according to the six cornerstones of the Roundtable Report. The document is a valuable tool for demonstrating that the University System is meeting the “flexibility with accountability” expectations of SB 2003 passed by the 2001 Legislative Assembly.

To view the report, go to www.ndus.edu, click on “Reports and Information” and “Roundtable on Higher Education.”
Bill Goetz Named NDUS Chancellor

On Feb. 23, 2007, the State Board of Higher Education selected Bill Goetz to be chancellor of the North Dakota University System effective July 1, 2007. Goetz currently is chief of staff in the North Dakota Office of the Governor. He has served as the governor’s chief of staff since 1997, working for both Gov. John Hoeven and former Gov. Ed Schafer.

Prior to joining the Office of the Governor, Goetz held several positions at DSU, including executive vice president of the DSU Foundation, chief academic officer in the School of Business, director of continuing education and associate professor. He also served in the North Dakota Senate for eight years and the North Dakota House for 12 years.

Goetz earned an associate degree from Bismarck State College in 1964, a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Minot State University in 1966 and a master’s degree in business from the University of North Dakota in 1967.

Goetz and his wife, Marion, have three children.

NDSCS and MaSU Presidents Named

Dr. John Richman was named president of North Dakota State College of Science on Feb. 20, 2007. He has served as the interim president of NDSCS since September 2006 and as the vice president of academic and student affairs since 2002. Richman’s relationship with NDSCS spans 35 years as a student, parent, instructor and administrator. He was the college’s football coach and athletic director before being named vice president of academic and student affairs in 2002. Richman also served as an assistant football coach at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D., and at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn.

A former NDSCS student, Richman earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education and health and a master’s degree in physical education from what is now Minnesota State University Moorhead. He earned a doctorate in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota in 1991.

Dr. Gary Hagen was named president of Mayville State University on Feb. 21, 2007. He has been interim president since July 1, 2006, and vice president for academic affairs since 1998.

Hagen joined MaSU as a faculty member in the Division of Business in 1976. He taught in the division until 1997. In addition to his duties as a faculty member, Hagen was chairman of the business division from 1991 to 1997. He served as the university’s chief information officer from 1997 to 1998.

Hagen earned three degrees from the University of North Dakota, a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1974, a master’s degree in business education in 1977 and a doctorate in business education from UND in 1986.

Systemwide Tuition Waiver Study Presented

Tuition waivers provided to University System students increased from 6.7 percent of gross tuition revenues in 2001–02 to 9.4 percent in 2005–06, according to a report presented at the March 2007 State Board of Higher Education meeting.

The largest increases were in graduate assistant (45 percent of total waivers) and foreign student waivers (11.3 percent of total waivers). The growth in graduate waivers is consistent with growth in the number of graduate programs at North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota.

Other types of waivers include:
- athletic and other institutional waivers
- cultural diversity waivers
- waivers required by SBHE policy, such as employee tuition waivers
- employee spouse/dependent waivers
- waivers mandated by state statute to members of the National Guard and dependents of POWs/MIAs, veterans and emergency personnel killed in the line of duty

In the study conducted at the request of the SBHE Budget and Finance Committee, tuition waivers were reviewed to determine if NDUS and institutional practices are reasonable and comparable to those in other states. The study points out that broad institutional flexibility in awarding waivers is consistent with practices in other states.

It also suggests that some of the largest categories of waivers, such as graduate assistant waivers, are needed to be competitive in recruiting high-quality graduate students and maintaining high-quality graduate programs.
Consent agenda items approved at the January and March 2007 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**Academic Consent Agenda**

**January**
- NDSU: Approve a request to establish the Center for Community Planning and Design
- VCSU: Approve a request to offer a library and information technologies graduate concentration

**March**
- MiSU: Approve a request to change the name of the Communication Disorders and Special Education Department to the Communication Disorders Department and the Special Education Department
- UND: Approve a request to change the title of the Department of Counseling to the Department of Counseling, Psychology and Community Service
- UND: Approve a request to change the department of Physical Education and Exercise Science to Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness; and the program title physical education to physical education, exercise science and wellness
- UND: Approve a request to offer a graduate program certificate in corporate training and performance
- UND: Approve a request to offer a minor program in literary education
- UND: Approve a request to offer a graduate program certificate in K-12 technology integration
- UND: Approve a request to terminate the minor in technology education, the B.S.Ed. with a combined major in elementary education and physical education, and the B.S.Ed. with a combined major in elementary education and visual art

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**

**January**
- NDSU: Provide authority to proceed with the Living Learning Center West/Ceres Hall Renovation project immediately upon authorization of the bonding bill during the 2007 Legislative Session
- NDSU: Provide authority to proceed with the 17th Avenue renovation project at an estimated cost of $1,025,000
- NDSU: Ratify the chancellor’s action giving authority to seek an amendment to the NDUS appropriation bill re-authorizing NDSU to carry over $1.69 million of the total authorization approved in the 2005-07 biennium for the agronomy research laboratory and greenhouse at the North Central Research Extension Center
- NDSU: Ratify the chancellor’s action giving authority to seek an amendment to the NDUS appropriation bill re-authorizing NDSU to carry over Phase I of the Main Station Research Center Greenhouse Complex approved in the 2005-07 biennium in the amount of $7 million
- NDSU: Ratify the chancellor’s action giving authority to seek an amendment to HB 1003 re-authorizing it to carry over the Bison Sports Arena addition and renovation project in the amount of $15 million

**March**
- DSU: Approve a request to name the north campus building the Strom Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Revitalization
- NDSCS: Approve a joint powers agreement between the college and Wahpeton Public School District #37
- NDSU: Ratify the chancellor’s action giving authority to seek an amendment to HB 1003 to increase authorization of the Bison Sports Arena addition and renovation from $15 million to $25.5 million
- NDSU: Ratify the chancellor’s action giving authority to seek an amendment to HB 1003 to repeal a section of NDCC 15-22-27 related to the 18th Street Development Fund
- NDSU: Provide authority to proceed with safety projects in the Reineke Fine Arts Center/Arkanase Hall through a combination of $500,000 in local and appropriated repair funds
- NDSU: Approve amendment to HB 1003 to add legislative intent related to the location of the College of Business building
- UND: Ratify the chancellor’s action giving authority to seek an amendment to SB 2023 to increase the deficiency appropriation request to $2,069,727
- UND: Authority to accept a gift of real property from the University Fellows, a not-for-profit foundation which supports the mission of UND

**Personnel Consent Agenda**

**March**
- MiSU: Approve a request to award honorary bachelor’s degrees to Craig Bauer and Nathan Goodiron
- NDSCS: Approve a request to award an honorary associate’s degree to Ed Shorma
- NDSU: Approve a request to award honorary doctoral degrees to James A. Meier and Frank Jennings
- UND: Approve a request to award honorary doctor of letters degrees to Russell Lefevre, Louise Erdrich and Laurel Reuter

**Upcoming SBHE Meetings**
- May 3, 2007 NDSCS
- June 21, 2007 UND
In the spirit of the Roundtable on Higher Education, North Dakota University System colleges and universities share the following examples of their contributions to the economic growth, educational excellence and social vitality of North Dakota.

Bismarck State College

The Qwest Foundation recently awarded $10,000 to BSC’s Teaching and Technology Conference to be held June 12–13. The conference will provide North Dakota K–12 educators, technology coordinators and administrators information and training on the latest in technology advances for teaching and learning.

Two BSC agribusiness students took the grand prize of $3,000 in the Marketplace for Entrepreneurs B.O.S.S. business plan competition in January. Kari Heaton, McKenzie, N.D., and Tyler Lang, Sterling, N.D., took top honors in a field of 25 business plans that advanced to the oral competition.

BSC’s Nuclear Power Technology Program was approved in February to be included in Project SAIL, an exchange network of colleges and businesses working to promote industry-driven programs and fill workforce needs. All five of BSC’s energy education programs now are available to community college students through Project SAIL, coordinated by the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Dickinson State University

More than 700 DSU officials, community members and Hawks Point residents attended the grand opening of the senior living facility March 3. Hawks Point is located on the DSU campus and features 89 units, 11 independent living cottages and a 78-unit main building. DSU is the smallest university in the country to have a facility like Hawks Point.

DSU injected $29 million into the local economy and supplied about 1,167 jobs to the region in FY 2005, according to a study conducted by Larry Leistritz and Randal Coon of North Dakota State University’s Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. The study also found that DSU expenditures create a ripple effect of indirect impacts, bringing the total economic impact of the university to $84.4 million.

Award-winning poet, writer and South Dakotan Kathleen Norris appeared at DSU in March as part of the annual “Women’s Voices” celebration. Norris discussed her best-selling non-fiction book “Dakota: A Spiritual Geography.” Sponsored by the Heart River Writers’ Circle, “Women’s Voices” brings to campus significant contemporary writers whose work interests a wide range of readers in the region.

Lake Region State College

Dr. Paul Gunderson, director of the Dakota Center for Technology-Optimized Agriculture, has been named chairman of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Safety and Health Research Program. The committee will evaluate the performance of the program for impact on the workplace and for success in achieving program goals.

Four LRSC students participated in an international marketing competition. Students participating were Anne Jorgenson, Victoria Klingbeil, Amy Pitcher and Quinllyn Ritteman. In addition, Donna Gutschmidt, LRSC Delta Epsilon Chi Advisor, was named advisor of the year.

More than 60 graduates of the summer Fargo Peace Officer Academy have been hired in the Fargo/Cass County area. The Fargo Police Department and LRSC have run a summer academy in Fargo since 2002. About 100 students have gone through the Fargo program. The fifth academy begins in May.

Mayville State University

The 2006–07 MaSU men’s basketball team made history by advancing to the NAIA Division II national championship game. No other North Dakota collegiate men’s basketball team had played for a national championship before. This year marked MaSU’s third-straight trip to the national tournament, second-straight trip to the national Final Eight, and the first-ever trip to the Fab Four. Head Coach Craig Smith was named NAIA Division II coach of the year and the Comets earned the Naismith/Linton Sportsmanship Award.

MiSU-Bottineau

At the beginning of the spring semester, MiSU-B opened a racquetball addition to the fitness facility connected to Thatcher Hall. The racquetball court was a gift from a college benefactor.

The MiSU-B Lumberjack hockey team captured its fifth national NJCAA championship March 3. MiSU-B was the tournament host, and the title was won on home ice at the “Lumberdome.” The student-athletes on the team had a 3.3 cumulative grade point average through Fall 2006.
for the Pharmacy Technician

more than 500,000 items, including

North Dakota State
College of Science

Barbara Lacher, pharmacy technician instructor, has written one of the first textbooks designed specifically for
use by students enrolled in technician programs. *Pharmaceutical Calculations for the Pharmacy Technician*, published
by Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins, went on sale this month.

NDSCS moved into its Building
Construction Technology addition
this semester. It is unique among the
dedicated facilities at NDSCS because
students literally built their own
instructional space. The latest phase
includes two classrooms, two faculty
offices and a resource room. NDSCS
will hold an open house March 29 to
celebrate the addition.

In March, NDSCS sophomores Jenna
Giller and Abe Kpaka were named the
Mon-Dak Conference MVPs for
women’s and men’s basketball. The
NDSCS men won the conference at
14–0, and the women shared the
league title at 13–1.

North Dakota State
University

On March 7, President Chapman
announced that he has accepted an
invitation for NDSU to join the
Gateway Football Conference. The
Bison will continue participation in the
Great West Football Conference
during the 2007 season and begin
Gateway Conference play in 2008.

The NDSU libraries celebrated 100
years of participation in the Federal
Depository Library Program during a
March 1 ceremony. NDSU’s collection
of government information contains
more than 525,000 items, including

more than 300,000 print documents
and 90,000 maps.

University of North Dakota

Benson Whitney, U.S. ambassador to
Norway, and Knut Vollebaek,
Norwegian ambassador to the United
States, visited UND recently to
explore ways to increase the numbers
of Americans who study in Norway
and of Norwegians who study at
UND. Already, UND attracts more
Norwegian students than any other
college or university in the United
States.

UND’s bachelor’s and master’s social
work programs were reaccredited for
eight years by the Council on Social
Work Education’s Commission on
Accreditation.

Dr. Andrei Kirilenko, UND associate
professor in earth system science and
policy, was an author of the
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate
Change. Published in February, the
preliminary report is the work of 450
scientists. Kirilenko represented
Russia as a lead author of the chapter
on climate change impact on forestry,
agriculture, fisheries and ranges.

Valley City State University

The Education Standards and
Practices Board (ESPB) approved the
online technology education master’s
degree program at VCSU for initial
licensure in the state of North Dakota.
This means that students who have
non-teaching bachelor’s degrees can
become fully licensed teachers in
technology education by earning
VCSU’s master’s degree. Because this
license is typically transferable to
other states, the ESPB decision
effectively extends VCSU’s ability to
serve teachers nationwide.

Beth Klingenstein, assistant professor
of music, was selected by the Office
of the Governor to receive the 2007
North Dakota Governor’s Award for
the Arts. The biannual award
recognizes individuals, organizations,
schools and businesses for efforts to
expand arts opportunities to new
audiences, improve the quality of arts
experiences, create an appreciation
for North Dakota’s cultural heritage
and make the arts more central to
education and integral to community
life.

Kari Stricklin, director of the VCSU
student center and student activities,
was presented with the 2006
Community Spirit Award by the
Valley City Area Chamber of
Commerce. The award recognizes
people or groups who act above the
call of duty and serve as tireless
ambassadors, promoting Valley City
by demonstrating selfless dedication
in the support of volunteerism or
community spirit.

Williston State College

Beau Anderson, WSC adult farm
management instructor, was
recognized as the outstanding young
farmer by the North Dakota Jaycees
at their annual banquet in January.
He is the sole operator of 1,100 acres
of tillable farmland with an
additional 600 acres used for cattle.
Anderson will represent North
Dakota in the National OYF Congress
in February 2008.

Phil Rabon, a retired WSC employee,
received the Western Star Award
from the Williston Area Chamber of
Commerce at the chamber’s annual
banquet this January. He received this
award in recognition of his lifetime
contributions to the Williston region,
as well as his love for the community.

Board Policy
Manual Revisions

Policy manual revisions approved by
State Board of Higher Education on
introduction and first reading in
March 2007 include:

Policy 608.2: NDUS Employees –
Non-renewal and Dismissals
HR Policy 4: Probationary Period
HR Policy 6: Annual Leave
HR Policy 7: Sick Leave
SBHE Hears the 2006 Campus Financial Review

The FY 2006 financial review of North Dakota University System colleges and universities was provided to the State Board of Higher Education at the March 15, 2007, board meeting.

Requested by the SBHE Budget and Finance Committee, the annual financial analysis of all 11 institutions provides information to assist board members in making informed policy and financial decisions. It assessed the financial health or condition of each institution, based on year-end financial statements as of June 30, 2006, and identified trends occurring over a period of time (FY 2003 thru FY 2006).

According to the report, the single largest threat to the financial condition of all 11 institutions, regardless of their current financial condition, is the loss of enrollment.

A significant shift in enrollment, even at the financially strongest institutions, could quickly change the financial condition because of heavy reliance on student tuition and fee revenues to cover costs.

The report points out the difference between financial condition and financial adequacy. With regard to adequacy, the report suggests that NDUS institutions are funded, on average, at about 50 percent of their peers based on state and local appropriations. Nationally, although North Dakota ranks very high in state per-capita funding for higher education, the state ranks 44 out of 50 in state/local funding per FTE student.

In spite of these funding challenges, the NDUS is considered one of the top five most efficient university systems in the nation in regard to performance per FTE student.

“Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the message could not be any clearer. We are at a critical junction in our state’s economic growth. We can proceed by building on our proven success since the roundtable legislation, or we can send a message to our universities and colleges that their role in that growth is no longer needed. I believe the North Dakota University System is critical to the economic growth of North Dakota and our recent growth bears that out, but they cannot continue their impressive role to date without additional resources,” Hedger said.

Others who provided compelling testimony to the committee include John Q. Paulsen, SBHE president; Eddie Dunn, NDUS chancellor; Bobby Haskins, North Dakota Student Association president; and Dr. Chris Keller, Minot State University faculty member.