Six additional Economic Development Centers of Excellence are one step closer to reality with the State Board of Higher Education’s Oct. 18, 2007, endorsement of the centers.

All six centers were recommended for approval by the Centers of Excellence Commission and endorsed by the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation Board Oct. 15, 2007. On Oct. 19, 2007, the Emergency Commission voted to recommend the proposals to the Budget Section. The final step in the approval process is an Oct. 30, 2007, Budget Section hearing.

The centers were selected from a pool of 12 proposals submitted by Lake Region State College, Minot State University, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota. Upon final approval, the six centers are slated to receive a total of $10 million in state funds.

An overview of the selection process and the proposals was provided to the SBHE by Marsha Krotseng, NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning; Mark Nesbit, commission chair and principal manager of Xcel Energy; and Shane Goettle, commissioner of the Department of Commerce.

The six centers and funding levels recommended for approval are:

- NDSU Center of Excellence for Agbiotechnology: Oilseed Development II – $1.5 million
- NDSU Center for Surface Protection – $2 million
- UND Center of Excellence for Biomedical Device Research, Development and Commercialization – $2.5 million
- UND Unmanned Aircraft System Center of Excellence – $1.5 million
- LRSC Dakota Center for Technology-Optimized Agriculture – $400,000
- MiSU Great Plains Knowledge and Data Center – $2.1 million

SBHE members who serve on the Centers of Excellence Commission are Duaine Espegard, Pam Kostelecky and John Q. Paulsen. The 2007 Legislative Assembly provided up to $20 million in centers of excellence funding for the 2007–09 biennium. $10 million of this total will be available for the second year of the biennium.

Leading Higher Education

Members of the 2007–08 State Board of Higher Education pictured at the September 2007 board meeting at Minot State University include: (seated) Richie Smith, vice president; Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor; Nathan Martindale; Grant Shaft; and John Q. Paulsen, president; (standing) Tom Barnhart, faculty advisor; Pam Kostelecky, Duaine Espegard, Sue Andrews and Jon Backes.
Barnhart Serves as Faculty Advisor to the State Board of Higher Education

The Council of College Faculties elected Dr. Thomas Barnhart faculty advisor to the State Board of Higher Education for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2007.

Barnhart is in his 32nd year as professor of sport and recreation management at North Dakota State University. He is a member of CCF and served as its 2006–07 president as well as the 2003 president of the NDSU University Senate.

Barnhart was president of the American Association for Leisure and Recreation in 1996 and served on the Fargo Park District Board for 24 years, retiring in 2006. In 2004, he was honored by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Association with inclusion in the group’s Hall of Fame. He is active in Calvary Baptist Church in Fargo.

Barnhart earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education and a master’s degree in education from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction: leisure studies from the University of New Mexico.

SBHE Approves Policy to Implement Tribal College Grant Assistance Program

Action taken by the State Board of Higher Education at its Sept. 20, 2007, meeting is a first step toward implementation of a supplemental grant assistance program for North Dakota tribal colleges.

Established by the 2007 Legislative Assembly, the program will provide to the tribal colleges grants of up to $4,581 per eligible non-enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe who attends a tribal college. A total of $700,000 was appropriated to the SBHE to fund the program for the 2007–09 biennium.

Approved on introduction and first reading, SBHE Policy 1913 delegates authority to implement and manage the program to the chancellor. Tribal colleges will submit grant applications for the funding, which will be awarded in the spring of 2008.

Workforce Training Business Plans Approved

FY 2008 workforce training annual business plans were approved by the State Board of Higher Education at its Sept. 20, 2007, meeting.

The plans were prepared by the four community colleges assigned primary responsibility for workforce training in North Dakota, including Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, North Dakota State College of Science and Williston State College.

Each plan includes an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges facing workforce training in its defined region and establishes specific objectives for the quadrant. The private sector workforce training board in each region provided input on and approval of each plan prior to review by the College Technical Education Council. These plans meet the accountability requirements and other requirements established in Chapter 52-08.
At its Sept. 20, 2007, meeting, the State Board of Higher Education approved six 2007–08 objectives to meet the three long-range goals established in 2005–06. These objectives are:

Objective 1: Work with our legislative, executive, private sector and other P–16 partners to revitalize and enhance the collaborative Roundtable process as a means of engaging key stakeholders in critical policy discussions.

Objective 2: Provide passionate, proactive leadership in addressing North Dakota’s demographic challenges and opportunities.

Objective 3: Anticipate, create and contribute to the economic and social vitality of North Dakota through strategic investments to (1) attract, develop and retain a world-class workforce; (2) meet current and anticipated workforce needs through academic programs, training and cutting-edge research; and (3) provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

Objective 4: Improve student transition and success through collaborative partnerships, comprehensive advising and other strategies that promote retention and progression.

Objective 5: Ensure an efficient, responsive and accountable system of higher education, both individually and collectively.

Objective 6: Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to communicate NDUS accomplishments and challenges.

Changes to SBHE Policy 705.1 approved in October 2007 include:

• Salary ranges will be established according to the four institutional tier groups: research, comprehensive, baccalaureate and associate.
• Salary ranges will be based on external market rates, as determined by Long-Term Finance Plan peer institutions as well as available resources, cost-effectiveness and internal equity.
• Ranges for presidents at four-year institutions will be based on salaries only; ranges for presidents at associate institutions will include salaries and housing allowances, where provided.
• Other forms of compensation may be provided by affiliated foundations. Additional compensation must be approved by the SBHE and disclosed in employment contracts.

According to the amended policy, the established salary ranges will be implemented by no later than July 1, 2010. The recommended chancellor’s salary range is $205,000 to $260,000. The presidential salary ranges are described below.

### Presidential Salary Ranges by July 1, 2010

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Members of the state’s “Joint Boards” of education met Sept. 25, 2007, in Bismarck, N.D. The focus of the annual meeting was developing partnerships for educating students to meet North Dakota’s current and future workforce needs and ensuring that students have the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to be personally and professionally successful. The 2007 meeting was facilitated by John Q. Paulsen, president of the State Board of Higher Education.

Pictured are discussion panel members (left to right): NDUS Chancellor Bill Goetz, facilitator; Rep. Ken Svedjan, interim Higher Education Committee chair; Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Commission on Education Improvement chair; Rep. RaeAnn Kelsch, interim Education Committee chair; and Rep. Dan Ruby, interim Workforce Committee vice-chair.
Krotseng Now Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning

Dr. Marsha Krotseng joined the North Dakota University System July 1, 2007, as vice chancellor for strategic planning and executive director of the College Technical Education Council (CTEC).

Krotseng’s planning experience includes both the campus and system levels where she has worked with faculty, staff, students and campus executives in developing and implementing strategic plans. Prior to joining the NDUS, Krotseng was an associate vice president at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. She previously served as the university’s chief planning officer. Other prior positions include vice provost and executive assistant to the president of West Liberty State College in West Liberty, W.Va., and associate provost of Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. Krotseng worked at the system level from 1991 to 1998 as director of research and information systems for the governing boards of the West Virginia state college and university systems.

“The North Dakota University System has a nationally recognized strategic planning model in the Roundtable on Higher Education,” Krotseng said. “I’m honored to be part of this system, and I look forward to working with all of the stakeholders to take the roundtable process to the next level and contribute to a vibrant future for North Dakota.”

Krotseng holds an Ed.D. in higher education from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and an M.Ed. in educational administration and a B.A. in Spanish from the same institution.

Plan to Improve ConnectND Outlined

In response to an SBHE mandate at the board’s summer retreat, Randall Thursby, NDUS CIO, told the State Board of Higher Education at its September 2007 meeting that steps aimed at reducing ConnectND complexity will begin upon approval of the Oversight Committee.

Efforts to reduce complexity will be ongoing with strong emphasis on resolving the first set of identified issues in 4th Quarter 2007. The goal is to streamline processes prior to planned software upgrades. Thursby said eliminating some custom modifications and reducing the overhead associated with supporting those modifications will help reduce complexity in the ConnectND system and will allow staff resources to be reallocated to implement new functionality.

Issues will be assigned to workgroups of six to eight people. At any one time, 10 workgroups will be actively pursuing resolution of complexities related to ConnectND applications, such as Campus Solutions, Human Resources or Finance. The groups will be expected to complete their work and make recommendations to the ConnectND Oversight Committee within one month of assignment. The Oversight Committee then will take action, with any policy implications being reviewed by the appropriate senior council.

In conjunction with Thursby’s report, the SBHE approved on introduction and first reading Policy 1901.3 – Information Technology Project Management, which was developed to implement 2007 legislation delegating to the SBHE full authority to manage and regulate information technology planning services for NDUS institutions. The legislation requires development of a comprehensive IT plan and related reporting in collaboration with the state’s Information Technology Department to coordinate higher education and statewide information technology planning.

Campus Plans Align with Roundtable Vision

Dr. Marsha Krotseng presented a progress report on the NDUS Campus Alignment Plans at the September 2007 State Board of Higher Education meeting.

Created to align the 11 colleges and universities with the expectations of the Roundtable on Higher Education, the plans report on the distinct achievements of the past year. These plans illustrate the varied ways in which the University System serves the educational, research, workforce, economic and cultural needs of the state and develops the human capital needed to ensure the state’s future vitality.

Krotseng said a clear theme that connects each of the plans is an unwavering commitment to the roundtable process and to continuing the strong, collaborative partnerships that will sustain and extend the roundtable vision into the future.

The State Board of Higher Education approved the campus alignment plans at the October board meeting.
Presidential Search Committees Provide Updates

Updates on presidential searches at the University of North Dakota, Dickinson State University and Lake Region State College were provided to the State Board of Higher Education at the Sept. 21, 2007, and Oct. 18, 2007, board meetings.

In August, LRSC President Dr. Sharon Etemad announced her plans to retire after 25 years at the college. UND President Dr. Charles Kupchella and DSU President Dr. Lee Vickers announced their retirements earlier in the year.

In September, VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee announced her intention to leave the presidency after 15 years of service. The SBHE also named a VCSU presidential search committee at the Oct. 18, 2007, meeting.

University of North Dakota

At the Sept. 21, 2007, board meeting, Dr. Paul LeBel, UND presidential search committee chair, said the position profile he presented to the board was the result of conversations among committee members and 18 public information sessions held on campus and around the state.

According to the revised timeline approved by the board, the committee will recommend at least three finalists to the SBHE Jan. 28, 2008. Board interviews will be conducted Feb. 4 and 5, 2008, and a UND president will be named in February.

Dickinson State University

At the Sept. 21, 2007, board meeting, Pam Kostelecky, DSU presidential search chair, said one-on-one interviews and group meetings with community members had been conducted by the DSU search consultant to seek input on the position profile, job advertisement and search timeline, which were approved by the SBHE Aug. 22, 2007.

According to the revised timeline approved at the Oct. 18, 2007, board meeting, the committee will recommend at least three finalists to the SBHE Nov. 19, 2007. Board interviews will take place Dec. 5 and 6, 2007, and the new DSU president will assume office in January 2008, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Lake Region State College

At the Sept. 21 board meeting, Dr. Richard Kunkel, chair of the LRSC presidential search committee, said the search consultant had sought input on the profile from local groups, as well as faculty and staff.

The Oct. 18, 2007, board meeting included approval of both the profile and timeline with Feb. 25–29, 2008, set as the dates for SBHE interviews and selection of the next LRSC president. The targeted start date for the new president is July 1, 2008.

Search Committee Members
- Richard Kunkel: Chair, former SBHE member
- Theresa Lee: LRSC student
- Randy Olson: LRSC automotive technology instructor
- Kry Boehmer: LRSC president of Faculty Senate, science instructor
- Laurel Goulding: LRSC vice president of student services/advancement
- Joan Kitchens: LRSC financial analyst
- Armen Hanson: Insurance agent
- Charlie Mertens: Retired legislator, retired owner of Lakeview Dairy
- Phillip D. (Skip) Longie: LRSC graduate, manager of Varsity Bags, Inc.
- Bob Levers: President & CEO, Levers Foods, Inc.
- Denise Wolf: Director of vocational and technical education at Lake Area Career & Tech Center
- Peter Jerome: LRSC Foundation, president of Jerome Wholesale, Inc.
- Grant Shaft: SBHE member
- William Goetz: NDUS chancellor (ex officio)

Valley City State University

Members of the VCSU presidential search committee were named at the Oct. 18, 2007, board meeting. Sue Andrews, SBHE member, was named chair of the group.

Search Committee Members
- Sue Andrews: Chair, SBHE member
- Karla Aaland: Executive director of Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation
- Amanda Bryson: VCSU student senator
- Theresa Christianson: Service manager of Wells Fargo Bank
- Margaret Dahlberg: VCSU Curriculum Committee chair
- Jennifer Feist: Executive director of Valley City Barnes County Development Cooperation
- Donald Hoff: VCSU science professor, Faculty Senate member
- Erin Klingenberg: VCSU director of human resources and counseling services
- Dean Koppleman: Superintendent of Valley City Public Schools
- Don Mogan: VCSU professor of technology education
- Mary Lee Nielson: Mayor of Valley City
- Larry Robinson: VCSU Foundation director, alumnus, state senator
- Joe Stickler: VCSU science professor and division chair
- William Goetz: NDUS chancellor (ex officio)

Lindquist Added to UND Search Committee

The State Board of Higher Education added Dr. Cynthia Lindquist, president of Cankdeska Cikana Community College and an American Indian, to the UND presidential search committee during a special board conference call in July. SBHE President John Q. Paulsen said he recommended the addition of Lindquist to the committee after learning that the past three UND presidential search committees had included an American Indian representative. “The search committees are constituent-based, and we must give adequate recognition to the long-standing importance of American Indians to the UND constituency,” he said.

Lindquist is a former executive director of the state Indian Affairs Commission. She has a doctoral degree from UND.
Consent agenda items approved at the September and October 2007 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**Academic Consent Agenda**

**September**

BSC: A request to use the designation of National Power Plant Operations Technology and Educational Center bestowed by U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman

MaSU: A request to offer a clinical laboratory science major

MiSU: A request to create the Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences

NDSCS: A request to terminate the John Deere Ag Parts Marketing and Management Program

NDSU: A request to offer an M.S. in construction management

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**

**September**

NDSCS: Authorization to change the funding source for the previously approved renovation of existing space at the Skills and Technology Training Center in Fargo for establishment of a Nanotechnology Applied Science and Advanced Manufacturing Training Laboratory at an estimated cost of $480,000. Source of funds: 2005-07 tuition carry-over funds ($188,000) and 2007-09 state general funds specifically allocated for the center

Source of funds: UND Foundation donation.

UND: Authorization to accept as a gift from the UND Alumni Association and Foundation the completed construction of a new president’s residence to be constructed on the site of the existing facility and to solicit approval from the Budget Section for acceptance of the gift. Source of funds: UND Foundation gifts and donations. Total cost not to exceed $904,000.

NDSU: Authorization to request Budget Section approval and to proceed with remodeling of and an addition to the NDSU president’s home, or, if determined to be structurally impractical, to construct a new home. Source of funds: NDSU Development Foundation gifts and donations. Total cost not to exceed $900,000. (Note: During a special Oct. 18, 2007, SBHE conference call, NDSU was authorized to seek Budget Section approval on a revised request permitting the NDSU Foundation to remodel and build an addition to the existing home or build a new home.)

Source of funds: UND Foundation gift. Source of funds: UND Foundation gifts and donations. Total cost not to exceed $3.5 million to $4 million; if approved, authorization to proceed with the revised project immediately thereafter. Source of funds: 2007-09 capital assets funding for extraordinary repairs and utility sales revenues

NDSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s action authorizing the natural beef processing plant agreement for the NDSU Beef Systems Center of Excellence

**Major Capital Project Requests Approved**

Major capital projects approved at the September 2007 State Board of Higher Education meetings include:

**DSU:** Authorization to expand the scope of the proposed Whitney Stadium renovation and addition project and to request Budget Section approval of the expanded project; approval of a joint powers agreement involving the SBHE, Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson Parks and Recreation Board and the City of Dickinson. Estimated cost: $16 million. Source of funds: gifts and contributions from local entities.

**UND:** Authorization to accept as a gift from the UND Alumni Association and Foundation the completed infrastructure improvements to facilitate future construction of a new Alumni Center. Source of funds: UND Foundation gifts and donations.

**UND:** Authorization to accept as a gift from the UND Alumni Association and Foundation the completed construction of an addition to Harrington Hall, which will be named in honor of the donor, and to request Budget Section approval for acceptance of the gift.

**WSC:** Authorization to receive from the city of Williston a gift of 2.12 acres of land in the Williston Rail Industrial Park Subdivision and to amend authorization to proceed with construction of the Petroleum Safety and Technology Center to include construction on this property in addition to the nine acres approved in June 2007

**October**

NDSU: Authorization to seek Budget Section approval to increase material handling facility spending authorization from $3.5 million to $4 million; if approved, authorization to proceed with the revised project immediately thereafter. Source of funds: 2007-09 capital assets funding for extraordinary repairs and utility sales revenues

NDSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s action authorizing the natural beef processing plant agreement for the NDSU Beef Systems Center of Excellence

**Board Policy Manual Revisions**

Policy manual revisions adopted by the State Board of Higher Education at recent meetings include:

**September 2007**

302.7 Budget, Audit and Finance Committee

307.1 Institutional Organization Notice and Approval

409 Degrees Offered

**October 2007**

705.1 Executive Compensation – Chancellor and Presidents

1913 Tribal College Assistance Grants

Approved on First Reading

1901.3 Information Technology Project Management

**Upcoming SBHE Meetings**

- Nov. 15, 2007  LRSC
- Dec. 20, 2007  Conf. Call
Bismarck State College
BSC’s Web Page Development and Design Program received a Director’s Award of Excellence at the State Board for Career and Technical Education conference in August. The award was based on the number of industry certifications students may earn, internships offered and promoted, and instructors who have certifications required to administer national exams.

BSC received notification in July that the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association has approved the college’s plans to offer a B.A.S. in energy management. The degree is designed to educate energy workers for supervisory and management positions.

Dickinson State University
Enrollment at DSU is up for the 12th consecutive year with 2,670 students enrolled for Fall 2007, a 3.8 percent increase when compared to last year when 2,572 students were enrolled. Increases in nontraditional and international students are two of the main contributors to the university’s consistent growth.

Gov. John Hoeven was among the distinguished guests who spoke at the DSU Murphy Hall Science Building dedication ceremony Sept. 7. The completed $9.9 million addition and renovation project provides students with an additional 34,308 sq. ft. of learning space, state-of-the art chemistry and biology labs, a greenhouse and teaching auditoriums equipped with cutting-edge technology.

DSU officially opened the Strom Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Aug. 24. The DSU Economic Development Center of Excellence was created to help revitalize the region’s economy by providing a support network for entrepreneurial endeavors and by helping western North Dakota communities develop quality of place.

Lake Region State College
Twenty-six students graduated from LRSC’s Peace Officer Training Summer Program Aug. 16. The program is a partnership between LRSC and the Fargo Police Department. Since the Fargo program started in 2002, more than 50 graduates have been hired by the Fargo-Moorhead Police Department. Six graduates have joined the West Fargo Police Department, and seven have joined the Cass County Sheriff’s Department. The day also marked the 20th anniversary of the LRSC Peace Officer Training Program. LRSC has held 46 consecutive academies since August 1987. A special reception for past graduates, employees, instructors and friends was held Aug. 15.

Mayville State University
Led by the Division of Education and Psychology, MaSU elementary and secondary education interns and faculty from across the campus provided all curricular and other activities for Northwood, N.D., K-6 students who were housed at the former Portland, N.D., school building for a couple of weeks this fall. The Northwood school building was severely damaged when a tornado ripped through the town on Aug. 26, the day before school was to have started for the year. MaSU interns taught classes, and faculty advised students, taught some classes and organized donations of school and other supplies as well as healthy snacks.

Minot State University
MiSU is one of 13 four-year institutions selected to participate in the national higher education project Foundations of Excellence® in the First College Year. The project will help MiSU develop and refine its overall approach to educating first-year students and helping them be successful.

MiSU is hosting its first group of Chinese exchange students from SIAS International University. Fifteen students will reside on campus for one year while earning MiSU’s accelerated M.S. in management. As part of the program, they will be paired with area students to study industry-related projects.

MiSU-Bottineau
The 2006-07 MiSU-B men’s hockey team was named the spring academic team of the year by the National Junior College Athletic Association. The team GPA was 3.22. The 30-member squad captured the national championship title on home ice in March.

North Dakota State College of Science
An international delegation visited NDSCS in September as part of a trade visit sponsored by the North Dakota Trade Office. The group of about 65 – including delegates from Kazakhstan, the Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Uzbekistan and the Republic of Georgia – toured college outreach, agriculture and several diesel technology areas.

In September, NDSCS co-sponsored the Disney Institute’s professional development program. More than 300 people, including NDSCS faculty and staff, attended the one-day event in Fargo and learned how to apply Disney’s innovative approach to leadership, management, service and loyalty. NDSCS also received a complimentary session featuring an inside look at the Disney operation.

Twenty students from the NDSCS Electrical Technology Club, accompanied by four faculty members, worked for two days to help residents of Northwood, N.D., community restore homes and businesses destroyed by the tornado that hit in late August. The students worked in conjunction with Braun Electric, a Northwood business owned and operated by Ron Braun and his son, Darin, both NDSCS alumni.

North Dakota State University
NDSU’s enrollment reached a record for the eighth straight year. Official third-
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Week numbers showed 12,527 students in the university’s undergraduate and graduate programs. With 1,776 students enrolled, this is the 10th consecutive year of record graduate student enrollment.

In August, NDSU researchers received the largest competitive grant in the university’s history – a five-year, $10.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop new strategies for targeting protease in disease.

University of North Dakota

Costa Rica leader Óscar Arias and UND President Kupchella visited the UND-managed NASA DC-8 flying laboratory in Costa Rica in early August. The plane took part in NASA’s Tropical Composition, Cloud and Climate Coupling (TC4) field campaign to investigate how chemical compounds transported into the stratosphere affect cloud formation and climate.

A new Internet-based network of astronomical observatories was launched in August by the UND Department of Space Studies. The Space Grant Internet Telescope Network, a national network of telescopes designed to enhance research capabilities for astronomers and other space scientists, presents a major advancement in sky-watching power for UND and other space grant researchers.

Valley City State University

The Maryland State Department of Education and VCSU entered into a memorandum of understanding to offer VCSU’s online programs in technology education to Maryland teachers. Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Maryland superintendent of schools, said, “This partnership is a wonderful opportunity to expand access to preservice teacher preparation programs in technology education.”

The Higher Learning Commission approved a new concentration in library and information technologies for VCSU’s online Master of Education Program. Curriculum development and tuition assistance was funded in part by a grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program as administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

VCSU was recognized in the America’s Best Colleges 2008 edition of U.S. News & World Report as one of the top four public baccalaureate colleges in the Midwest. This marks the 10th year in a row VCSU has received this recognition.

Williston State College

Jackie Stenehjem WSC GIS instructor, and Angie Milakovik, BSC GIS instructor, recently returned from two weeks of specialized training in Corpus Christi, Texas. The training was provided by staff from NASA and other agencies in conjunction with a competitive National Science Foundation grant called iGETT (Integrated Geospatial Education and Technology Training), which helps two-year college faculty develop and integrate remote sensing technology with existing geographic information systems (GIS) courses or programs. Only 20 two-year colleges in the nation were accepted into the program. The value of the grant, which also includes free computer lab licenses, is more than $65,000 per college.