During a Dec. 18, 2008, conference call, the State Board of Higher Education approved a plan to request legislative restoration of two budget initiatives included in the North Dakota University System 2009-11 needs-based budget request, but not included in Gov. Hoeven’s Executive Budget.

The SBHE endorsed a recommendation by NDUS Chancellor Bill Goetz to seek 2009 Legislative Assembly approval of $8.2 million in base funding to maintain student affordability and $11.2 million in one-time funding to build a joint IT facility for the NDUS and the University of North Dakota. Combined, the budget restoration plan includes $19.4 million in state funds.

“The budget recommendation I share with you today builds on an already well-thought out and well-funded executive budget recommendation,” Goetz said. “The budget recommended by Governor Hoeven addresses many of the critical needs identified in the State Board of Higher Education budget request, including needs-based financial aid, campus safety and security, and facility improvements. One area where I hope we can do more in the upcoming legislative session is in maintaining student affordability.”

Goetz told the board the additional $8.2 million would permit the University System to freeze two-year campus tuition rates at the 2008-09 level for academic years 2009-10 and 2010-11 and to limit four-year campus tuition rate increases to no more than 4 percent per year for the same time period. In regard to limiting tuition increases as a step in maintaining affordability, Goetz also said, “I really think this is sustainable, responsible and the right thing to do.”

The $11.2 million joint IT facility was number two on the board’s 2009-11 major capital project priority list. Goetz said construction of the facility is critically important to the housing and facilitation of the University System technology operations that serve all 11 campuses. “Emphasis must be placed on the physical conditions that exist and on protecting our sizable IT investment. The current facilities represent a significant infrastructure risk if an electrical failure or flooding would occur and/or as a result of continued building deterioration,” Goetz said.

Gov. Hoeven’s 2009-11 executive budget plan includes a $98.6 million or 22.3 percent general fund base funding increase. The plan also includes $24.2 million in one-time funding and almost $50 million in one-time funding for major capital projects. Goetz recommended that, while many other important projects and initiatives in the board’s budget request were not funded, the board should focus on controlling student cost.

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Chancellor

“Therefore, I believe we must endorse the governor’s recommendation of 5 percent annual salary increases,” Goetz said. “I recognize there is a compelling need to continue to address salaries to allow the NDUS to compete in the national hiring market. I believe we will make progress based on the governor’s proposal, especially as we look at the national economy and long-range solutions. Furthermore, we must be aware of the fact that, in the current budget proposal, additional funds for salary increases would increase the financial burden for students and families.”

In addition to the $19.4 million budget restoration plan, the SBHE approved an additional $1.5 million deficiency appropriation request by the University of North Dakota for the current biennium. This request is related to the 1997 flood disaster.

The board also approved a request for legislative authorization on construction of a $15 million wellness center at Minot State University. The facility would be built with non-state funding, including private funds, revenue bonds and/or institutional funds.

While the SBHE voted unanimously to support the chancellor’s request, board members also acknowledged appreciation for the governor’s support of higher education in his 2009-11 Executive Budget.
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The Role of the SBHE
The State Board of Higher Education is the governing board of the North Dakota University System.

Our Vision
The North Dakota University System is the vital link to a brighter future.

Our Mission
The mission of the North Dakota University System is to enhance the quality of life of all those we serve and the economic and social vitality of North Dakota through the discovery, sharing and application of knowledge.

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Ten 2009 legislative bill drafts were authorized for pre-filing by the State Board of Higher Education at the Nov. 6, 2008, and Dec. 2, 2008, board meetings. If approved, these bills will:

• Amend NDCC Section 15-10-12.1 to increase from $385,000 to $750,000 the value of a building or other improvement funded by gift that the SBHE may authorize without legislative (or Budget Section) approval
• Amend Subsection 2 of NDCC Section 44-08-04 to authorize state agencies and institutions to reimburse actual lodging expense in excess of the established limit (now $55) for in-state hotel rooms with verification that a room at or below the state rate was not available
• Amend NDCC Section 48-01.2-25 to permit NDUS institutions to spend an additional 20 percent on building projects authorized by the Legislature, using federal, grant, gift or private funds
• Create a new chapter to approve a state compact for prevention and control of wildfires
• Amend NDCC Section 15-62.2-02 to increase the maximum amount of annual state grant awards from $1,000 to $2,000
• Establish a P–20 education roundtable
• Exempt records of certain applicants for chancellor and/or an NDUS institution president from open records laws during early stages of the search process
• Amend several NDCC sections related to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences
• Amend NDCC Section 15-10-19.1 to redefine veteran status as it relates to nonresident and resident students for tuition purposes
• Amend NDCC Section 54-53-02 as it relates to membership on the Advisory Transportation Council of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute

Leadership of the University System

Members of the State Board of Higher Education pictured at the Sept. 18, 2008, board meeting at Valley City State University are, left to right: (front row) Michael Haugen; Grant Shaft; Richie Smith, president; Jon Backes, vice president; and Jon Jackson, faculty advisor; (back row) Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor; Pam Kostelecky; Sue Andrews, Haylee Cripe and Duaine Espegard.
State Leaders Continue the Roundtable Process

Public and private sector leaders convened for the ninth meeting of the Roundtable on Higher Education in Bismarck, N.D., Oct. 8, 2008. Led by Rep. Ken Svedjan, chair of the Interim Higher Education Committee, the 60 roundtable members agreed on the overall direction of the state’s higher education system and on a number of actions that will be vital to the future of the state.

The most significant outcome of the 2008 roundtable process was the realization of clear alignment and shared goals among the Interim Higher Education Committee, the State Board of Higher Education and roundtable participants. Breakout group discussions focused on the four critical themes that emerged from the work of the Interim Higher Education Committee. Those themes and the discussion moderators were:

• **Education Attainment**: Rep. RaeAnn Kelsch
• **Accessibility**: Rep. Bob Skarphol
• **Contribution to Economic Development**: Sen. Tony Grindberg
• **Meeting Workforce Needs**: Sen. David Nething

Roundtable members include the State Board of Higher Education; the Interim Higher Education Committee; chair of the Interim Workforce Committee; representatives of the private sector, K-12 education, North Dakota public, tribal and private colleges and universities; and state government.

A full report on the October roundtable meeting will be available on the NDUS Web site at [www.ndus.edu](http://www.ndus.edu) in January 2009.

Campuses Aligned with Roundtable Expectations

The 11 North Dakota University System colleges and universities are committed to meeting the expectations of the Roundtable on Higher Education, according to the 2007–08 Campus Alignment Plan progress report presented at the Sept. 18, 2008, State Board of Higher Education meeting.

The reports convey an unwavering commitment to the roundtable process and vision, according to the overview presented by Marsha Krotseng, Ed.D., NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning. Common themes that connect the campus alignment plans are collaboration, partnerships, technology, research, grants, international education, quality initiatives, employees and, most importantly, a focus on students.

Created to align the 11 campuses with the expectations of the Roundtable on Higher Education, these plans report on the achievements of the past year and illustrate the varied ways the University System serves the educational, research, workforce, economic and cultural needs of the state. The plans demonstrate how the campuses are developing the human capital needed to ensure the state’s future vitality.

After receiving the 2007–08 report, the SBHE also approved 2008–09 Alignment Plans for each of the institutions.

### Upcoming SBHE Meetings

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Timeline Set for Resolution of Fighting Sioux Nickname

A series of action steps and timelines for resolution of the University of North Dakota’s use of the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo was approved by the State Board of Higher Education during a special Oct. 16, 2008, conference call.

Proposed by SBHE member Duaine Espegard, the plan is structured to implement the terms of a settlement agreement between UND and the National Collegiate Athletic Association regarding enforcement of an NCAA policy on the use of Indian names, logos and imagery. Actions approved by the SBHE include directing Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, to form a high-level committee of state government and University System officials to meet with leaders of the Sioux Nations.

According to the plan, Goetz will attempt to set up meetings with the tribal chairs to determine support for or opposition to retention of the nickname and logo. If, by Jan. 2010, an agreement has not been reached, the chancellor will ask UND President Kelley to form a transition team to retire the nickname and logo. This team will function even if efforts to retain the nickname and logo continue. Resolution of the issue must be complete by Nov. 30, 2010, according to the NCAA agreement and terms of the board’s action plan.

WSC Presidential Search Advances

The State Board of Higher Education will select the next president of Williston State College Feb. 9, 2009, according to search committee reports presented by Dick McKennett, search committee chair, and Pam Kostelecky, SBHE and search committee member.

Interactive Video Network interviews of 11 candidates were conducted Dec. 9–11, 2008. On-campus interviews of seven semi-finalists will be conducted in January 2009 with the goal of recommending finalists to the SBHE by Jan. 22.

WSC President Joe McCann, Ph.D., announced his resignation in June 2008 to become effective in April 2009.

Seven Centers of Excellence Move Forward

Seven proposals for Economic Development Centers of Excellence were approved by the State Board of Higher Education during a Sept. 11, 2008, special board conference call.

The seven centers and funding levels are:
- MiSU–B Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture – $400,000
- NDSU Center for Biopharmaceutical Research and Production – $2 million
- NDSU Center for Integrated Electronic Systems – $2.05 million
- UND Research Foundation Center of Excellence for Passive Therapeutics – $2.65 million
- UND Petroleum Research, Education and Entrepreneurship Center of Excellence – $3 million
- UND Center of Excellence in Space Technology and Operations – $1 million
- UND SUNRISE BioProducts: A Center of Excellence for Chemicals, Polymers and Composites from Crop Oils – $2.95 million

An overview of the proposals was provided by Mark Nesbit, commission chair and principal manager of Xcel Energy; Shane Goettle, commissioner of the Department of Commerce; and Marsha Krotseng, Ed.D., NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning. Prior endorsements were provided by the Centers of Excellence Commission and the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation Board. The final step was approval of the centers by the Budget Section on Sept. 25, 2008.

The 2007 Legislative Assembly provided up to $20 million in centers of excellence funding for the 2007–09 biennium. SBHE members who serve on the Centers of Excellence Commission are Duaine Espegard, Pam Kostelecky and Jon Backes.
Board Policy Manual Revisions Approved

Policy manual revisions adopted at the September, November and December 2008 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**September**
*Introduction and first reading*

- 601.1 - Presidential search and screening committee

- 1902 - Emergency notification systems

*Second reading and final passage*

- 403.7 - Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits

- 902.1 - Construction Process – Legislative Approval; List of Funding Requests

- 902.3 - Requests for Construction, Renovation and Remodeling; Change orders; Changes in Project Scope or Sizes

- 902.5 - Construction Process – Architects and Engineers

- HR 20 - Leave

**November**
*Introduction and first reading*

- 403.7 - Common general education requirement and transfer of general education credits

- HR 31.1 - Travel expense

*Second reading and final passage*

- 601.1 - Presidential search and screening committee

- 1902 - Emergency notification systems

- 409 - Degrees offered

- 805.3 - Application, course, program and other miscellaneous fees

**December**
*Introduction and final adoption*

- 403.7 - Common general education requirement and transfer of general education credits

- HR 31.1 - Travel expense

Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Recommendations Approved

The following Budget, Audit and Finance Committee recommendations were approved at the September, November and December 2008 State Board of Higher Education meetings:

- Campus responses to the 2007 operational audit reports
- 2007-09 UND and NDSU deficiency appropriation requests
- Funding changes for the Education Incentive Program
- Reallocation of $84,331 in previously allocated SBHE initiative funding to support the campus mission review and P-20 activities
- A tuition proposal request to permit MiSU to charge all students, except Minnesotans, the resident tuition rate and to permit charging a per-credit-hour rate for all credits in excess of 18 semester hours

University System Marks Record Headcount Enrollment

Headcount enrollment at the 11 North Dakota University System colleges and universities reached a record high, according to the Fall Semester 2008 Enrollment Report.

The Fall 2008 system-wide headcount enrollment of 43,442 students includes an increase of 1,615 students or 3.9 percent compared to Fall 2007. University System officials attribute this increase to a number of factors that point to enhanced responsiveness to today’s learning environment, such as offering courses and programs at off-site locations, often on the campuses of sister institutions, and providing access to high-quality on-line education.

Fall 2008 enrollment highlights include:

- Based on headcount enrollment, 22 percent of students (9,495) are enrolled at NDUS community colleges, and 78 percent (33,947) are enrolled at system universities.
- NDUS community colleges had a combined net headcount enrollment increase of 6.7 percent, while the universities gained 3.1 percent more students.
- The total system full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE) of 36,096 is an increase of 2.9 percent (1,021 FTE) compared to last year.
- Based on permanent addresses, 63.3 percent of the students served by NDUS institutions (27,513) are North Dakota residents.
- 27 percent of students (11,592) are from the contiguous states of Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota, and 1 percent of students (433) are from Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
SBHE Approves Annual Objectives

The State Board of Higher Education approved six objectives in support of its long-range goals at the Sept. 18, 2008, SBHE meeting. These objectives are the foundation of the board’s annual operating plan, and action steps to achieve them are assigned to staff. The 2008-09 SBHE objectives are:

Objective 1 – Preparing Students for Success: In collaboration with appropriate stakeholders, the State Board of Higher Education will develop admission and placement policies that are consistent with the high levels of student preparation required for success in college and in the global economy.

Objective 2 – Developing the Workforce: The State Board of Higher Education will identify and implement effective strategies to address the state’s workforce development and training needs at all levels (non-credit, certificate, two-year, four-year, graduate, professional).

Objective 3 – Increasing Educational Opportunities: The State Board of Higher Education will increase educational opportunities for nontraditional students (adults, other underrepresented groups), leading to a higher level of educational attainment throughout the state and a more highly qualified workforce.

Objective 4 – Planning for the Future: The State Board of Higher Education will engage in a comprehensive process to review and revise the system-wide strategic plan to ensure that the NDUS is well positioned to provide access to an appropriate array of academic programs, research capacity, workforce training, and cultural enrichment consistent with the roles of a university system of the 21st century.

Objective 5 – Focusing the Vision: The State Board of Higher Education will engage key leaders from the legislature, the private sector, education, local communities and executive agencies in an active dialogue focused on North Dakota’s common vision for higher education.

Objective 6 – Sustaining the Vision: The State Board of Higher Education will sustain the vision through open and frequent external communications with the executive branch, legislative branch, private sector and others as well as through effective internal communications with the chancellor, staff and the 11 institutions.

Workforce Training Business Plans Approved

FY 2009 workforce training business plans were approved by the State Board of Higher Education at its Sept. 18, 2008, 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. These plans are based on input from the private sector workforce training advisory board members in each region. They include analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges facing workforce training in their respective regions and establish specific objectives to be accomplished.

Each advisory board approved its regional plan prior to review by the College Technical Education Council. These plans meet the accountability requirements and other requirements established in Chapter 52-08.

Joint Boards Approve P–20 Resolution

Members of the “Joint Boards” of education agreed on the need to establish a joint P–20 education task force during the group’s annual meeting Sept. 23, 2008, in Bismarck, N.D.

According to a resolution approved by the group, the alignment and assessment of standards are important education coordination issues for the state. The resolution also states that North Dakota and its residents would benefit from seamless transitions among secondary education, the world of work and post-secondary education.

The joint boards of education include the State Board of Career and Technical Education, the State Board of Public School Education, the Education Standards and Practices Board, and the State Board of Higher Education.

The Student Voice

Franklin Michael, president of the North Dakota Student Association, reported on the group’s activities at the September SBHE meeting. Two of NDSA’s fall priorities were informing voters about general election ballot issues and preparing for the 2009 Legislative Session.
Consent Agenda Items Approved

Consent agenda items approved at the September, November and December 2008 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**Academic Consent Agenda**

**September**

- **BSC:** Change the program title Commercial Art to Graphic Design and Communication
- **DSU:** Change the name of the Office of Extended Campus to Office of Extended Learning
- **DSU:** Terminate elementary and secondary minor programs in American history and European history
- **NDSCS:** Offer a program certificate, diploma and A.A.S. in microelectronic technology through a combination of on-campus, distance education and courses available at the Skills and Technology Training Center in Fargo
- **NDSU:** Establish the Center for Disaster Studies and Emergency Management
- **NDSU:** Offer a doctorate in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) education
- **NDSU:** Offer a bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate in range science
- **NDSU:** Offer a program certificate in animal health management
- **NDSU:** Offer a minor in neuroscience
- **UND:** Offer a social work major at a distance
- **UND:** Offer a general studies major at a distance
- **UND:** Change the name of the Department of Art to the Department of Art and Design
- **UND:** Add the Department of Entrepreneurship
- **UND:** Terminate the vocational marketing education B.S. Ed.
- **UND:** Establish the Center for Petroleum Engineering
- **UND:** Offer a minor in ethics
- **UND:** Offer a minor in leadership
- **UND:** Offer a certificate in writing and editing
- **UND:** Offer a M.Ed. in reading education at a distance
- **UND:** Offer a master’s in applied economics at a distance
- **UND:** Offer a doctorate in scientific computing
- **UND:** Offer a doctorate in nursing at a distance
- **UND:** Offer B.A. and B.S degrees in psychology via distance education
- **UND:** Establish a Financial Services Institute
- **UND:** Terminate the School of Communication
- **VCSU:** Offer a B.S. Ed. in elementary education through distance education
- **WSC:** Offer an A.A.S. and a certificate in mental health/addiction technician at a distance
- **WSC:** Offer a certificate program in petroleum production technology

**November**

- **MiSU:** Offer a bachelor’s in sports management
- **NDSCS:** Add an Applied Science and Technologies Department
- **NDSU:** Offer a minor in range science
- **MiSU:** Offer a major in athletic training

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**

**September**

- **NDSU:** Authorization to remove the engineering quonset

**November**

- **BSC:** Request for a joint powers agreement concerning the lease of a 3.76 acre parcel on the BSC campus to the Bismarck Public School District and for the subsequent construction by the School District of a new building on the leased land to be used for classrooms, labs and related facilities and for joint use and shared operation by the parties of a portion of the new facility

Changes to SBHE 2009-11 budget request:

- Increase the EPSCoR funding request from $800,000 to $2.8 million
- Increase the parity request by $1,847,000 to cover the increased 2009-11 employee health insurance costs
- **NDSU:** Amend the 2009-11 SBHE budget request to include the Niskanen Apartment Complex Expansion project in the amount of $20 million
- **UND:** Revise the 2007-09 deficiency appropriation request for 1997 flood expenses to $2,858,771
- **MiSU:** Amend the 2009–11 budget request to authorize $10 million to repair or replace the boiler with $3.75 million from general funds and the remainder of $6.25 million from other sources

**December**

- **MiSU:** Proceed with multiple classroom remodeling projects at an estimated cost of up to $600,000

**Personnel Consent Agenda**

**September**

Elimination of the 403(b) hardship provision and continuation of loan provision through TIAA-CREF only

**November**

- **NDSU:** Award an honorary doctorate to Terry L. Scherling
- **NDSU:** Award an honorary doctorate to Darrol G. Schroeder
- **UND:** Award an honorary doctorate to William Marcil
Celebrating Successes

*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**

BSC began offering online power plant technology and process plant technology to students at Wisconsin’s Fox Valley Technical College in August. The partnership with Fox Valley will help meet the needs of high-demand energy careers in Wisconsin and upper Michigan. BSC credits will transfer to Fox Valley, and students will earn associate degrees from FVTC.

The Great Plains Energy Corridor Office opened in August. The office will provide education and outreach services to the state’s energy industry, eventually expanding to neighboring states. U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan secured funding to establish the office located in BSC’s new NECE.

Construction began in June on the BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center. The facility will have a 50-meter competition pool, diving and recreation pools, a fitness center and seating for spectators. The project is organized under a joint powers agreement between the Bismarck Park Board and BSC through the State Board of Higher Education.

**Dickinson State University**

Fall 2008 enrollment at DSU was up for the 13th consecutive year. There were 2,730 students enrolled, a 2.2 percent increase compared to the Fall 2007 enrollment of 2,670. Increases in the numbers of nontraditional and international students are two of the main factors contributing to the university’s consistent growth.

The investiture of Richard McCallum, Ph.D., as DSU’s 10th president took place Friday, Nov. 21 at Dorothy Stickney Auditorium on the DSU campus. The theme of the event was “Reflecting on the Past, Embracing the Present, Forging the Future.”

**Lake Region State College**

The Otto Bremer Foundation recently awarded a $140,000 grant to the Lake Region Community College Foundation. The three-year grant will fund several regional farm management teacher in-service programs. Coordinated by the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association, the grant will directly benefit all farm management programs in North Dakota.

**Mayville State University**

In an ongoing effort to expand access, MaSU officials entered into articulation agreements with in and out-of-state colleges. Transfer agreements for MaSU’s bachelor’s degree in early childhood have been signed with BSC, Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., and Casper College in Casper, Wyo. Articulation agreements for MaSU’s bachelor’s degree in applied science in business administration have been signed with Hibbing Community College in Hibbing, Minn., and Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

The MaSU Foundation and its subsidiary organizations sponsored two very successful fundraising events this fall. The Sept. 6 Comet Athletic Club Sportmen’s Raffle & Event raised more than $30,000 for athletic scholarships, and about $36,000 was generated at an auction held during the annual Farmers Bowl Sept. 28. Proceeds will benefit MaSU and its students.

**Minot State University**

MiSU signed an articulation agreement with Bellingham Technical College in Washington in September. This agreement makes it easier for BTC students to transfer to MiSU to obtain bachelor’s degrees.

During Norsk Hostfest in October, President David Fuller hosted Tora Aasland, Norwegian minister of higher education and research, and other Norwegian dignitaries. The group met with 15 MiSU leaders; ideas and information were shared to help the two higher education groups better understand one another.

Walter Piehl Jr., professor of art, is one of three recipients of a $100,000 Enduring Vision Award from the Bush Foundation. Piehl will receive the funds over three to five years to pursue his work and to encourage his continued influence on present and future generations of artists and audiences.

**MiSU–Bottineau**

MiSU–B’s proposal for an Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture was approved for a $400,000 award Aug. 20. The center’s mission is to expand and provide new opportunities for organic and specialty vegetable commercialization and distribution networks in North Dakota.

MiSU–B’s agriculture education program received the Career and Technical Education Director’s Award of Excellence at a professional development conference in Bismarck in August. The honored recipients were Diann Beckman, Larry Brooks, Mark Pomarleau and Bob Underwood.

Dr. Chuck Lura, biology professor, was an invited speaker at the Great Plains Riparian Forest Summit held in Sioux Falls, S.D., Sept. 9. Lura’s topic was “A Historical Perspective on Woody Vegetation in Western North Dakota.” More than 120 natural resource professionals from across the Midwest attended the conference.

**North Dakota State College of Science**

Enrollment at NDSCS continues to grow. Fall 2008 enrollment was 5.3 percent higher than Fall 2007; the college’s numbers have increased more than 11 percent since 2001. North Dakotans make up more than 72 percent of the student body, Minnesotans 18 percent, South Dakotans 3.6 percent.

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and Montanans 2.4 percent. Students from 31 other states and six foreign countries also are enrolled.

NDSCS and the North Dakota Workforce Training Southeast Region sponsored the Disney Institute’s class Team Creativity, Disney-Style in Fargo Sept. 23. Disney taught techniques to nurture valuable organizational cultures and increase productivity through creativity. The one-day program helped to foster innovation and imagination among local business people with facilitated discussions and hands-on activities.

North Dakota State University

NDSU has been awarded a five-year National Science Foundation ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant of more than $3.7 million to address and study issues of recruitment, retention and advancement of women faculty, including women of color and women who have disabilities, within the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

A consortium led by NDSU economists in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics has been awarded an $800,000 grant from the North Dakota Industrial Commission to further develop and commercialize the technology to produce bio-based products.

NDSU officials signed research agreements to conduct collaborative projects with Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, N.M., and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Wash. The research projects involving solar cells, polymers and radio frequency identification were announced Aug. 18.

University of North Dakota

In August, UND learned it would receive $1 million in federal funds for a geomechanical study of the Bakken Formation to improve oil extraction. The shale formation across western North Dakota and eastern Montana holds about 4.3 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

UND alumnus and hall-of-fame basketball coach Phil Jackson was awarded an honorary doctorate from his alma mater at an Aug. 25 ceremony. Coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, Jackson has won nine championships as a coach in the NBA.

UND Aerospace is part of a major federal contract to train air traffic controllers. In September, the Federal Aviation Administration awarded a new 10-year, $437 million contract to Raytheon, which requested to team with UND’s John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

Valley City State University

Fall 2008 headcount enrollment increased 3.8 percent to 1,019 students, and FTE enrollment increased 2 percent. Growth came from new programs, including VCSU’s online master of education (a headcount increase of 43 percent), and collaborative agreements with MiSU–B and Northwest College in Wyoming.

VCSU hosted two workshops to enhance curriculum in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at K-12 schools throughout North Dakota.

Going “Above and Beyond”

Richie Smith, SBHE president, presented David Klein, VCSU safety officer and NDUS NotiFind administrator, a certificate recognizing Klein’s significant contributions to the successful Fall 2008 implementation of the NotiFind emergency notification system. The recognition took place at the September board meeting. Also pictured are Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor, and Jon Backes, SBHE vice president.

Williston State College

With the recent increase in oil activity in the Williston Basin, the Northwest North Dakota Workforce Training Division at WSC recorded a 50 percent increase in the number of employees participating in oil and gas safety training classes in FY08. The number of oil and gas companies requesting training increased to 103.

An article by Richard Stenberg, assistant history professor, was published in the November 2008 issue of We Proceeded On, the scholarly magazine of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Titled “John Newman: A Man of Uncommon Activity and Bodily Strength,” the article recounts the story of a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition who became involved in the fur trade in North Dakota in the 1830s.

One workshop introduced teachers to the STEM curriculum developed by the Boston Museum of Science/National Center for Technological Literacy; another was delivered to teachers at Devils Lake High School.

VCSU was recognized in the “America’s Best Colleges 2009” edition of U.S. News & World Report as one of the top four public baccalaureate colleges in the Midwest, marking the 11th year in a row VCSU has received this recognition.

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Richie Smith, SBHE president, presented David Klein, VCSU safety officer and NDUS NotiFind administrator, a certificate recognizing Klein’s significant contributions to the successful Fall 2008 implementation of the NotiFind emergency notification system. The recognition took place at the September board meeting. Also pictured are Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor, and Jon Backes, SBHE vice president.

Williston State College

With the recent increase in oil activity in the Williston Basin, the Northwest North Dakota Workforce Training Division at WSC recorded a 50 percent increase in the number of employees participating in oil and gas safety training classes in FY08. The number of oil and gas companies requesting training increased to 103.

An article by Richard Stenberg, assistant history professor, was published in the November 2008 issue of We Proceeded On, the scholarly magazine of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Titled “John Newman: A Man of Uncommon Activity and Bodily Strength,” the article recounts the story of a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition who became involved in the fur trade in North Dakota in the 1830s.