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Other examples are DCB’s delivery of a practical nursing program at Valley City State University; the Pathway partnership leading from a two-year program at North Dakota State College of Science to North Dakota State University; and the Launch! program offered by LRSC on the UND campus. The 11 institutions also cultivated partnerships with numerous private sector businesses and health-related organizations to enhance workforce skills and engage in research.

“We’re seeing an increased emphasis on expanding access to higher education – at both the undergraduate and graduate levels – and on retaining students once they begin college,” said Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor. “The campuses are doing an excellent job of meeting the needs of students, whether that’s in the traditional classroom setting or by reaching out through online education. Plus, we know that, during economic downturns, people look to higher education to improve their job skills or to get a fresh start in a new career.”

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Hadland Appointed to the SBHE

Rachelle Hadland was appointed by Gov. John Hoeven to a one-year term as the student member of the State Board of Higher Education, serving from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

Hadland is a senior at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D., and is majoring in political science/pre-medicine. She is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society and has been active in several campus organizations, including Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and student government. After serving as an NDSU student senator, Hadland was the 2007-08 governmental relations commissioner; she is a member of the NDSU University Senate library committee and the wellness center advisory board.

In addition to on-campus activities, Hadland served on the ConnectND Oversight Committee. She was a member of and lobbyist for the North Dakota Student Association and was named NDSA’s most valuable delegate in 2007-08. She is a 22-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is actively involved in the North Dakota Girls State program.

Hadland served as an intern in the Office of the Governor during the 2009 Legislative Session and the summer of 2009.

State Board Committees Named

State Board of Higher Education member Duaine Espegard was appointed to a second term on the board’s Budget, Audit and Finance Committee during a July 10, 2009, board conference call. Jon Backes (chair), SBHE vice president, and Richie Smith, SBHE president, also serve on the committee.

Members of the new NDUS Legal Services Committee also were named in July. They are SBHE members Grant Shaft (chair) and Mike Haugen and NDUS legal counsel Pat Seaworth.

Members of two board committees were named at the September 2009 SBHE meeting. Executive Compensation Committee members are SBHE members Espegard and Haugen and Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor. Long-Term Finance Plan and Tuition and Fees Task Force members are Goetz (chair), Smith, Backes, Dave Clark, BSC; Trudy Collins, VCSU; and Alice Brekke, UND.

Members of the NDUS Foundation board also were appointed at the September SBHE meeting. They are Smith, Backes, James Burgum, Pam Kostecke, Don Morton, Jeanette Satrom and Jerry Effertz.

SBHE Approves FY 2010 NDUS Office Budget

The State Board of Higher Education met via conference call July 10, 2009, to discuss and approve the FY 2010 NDUS Office budget. Board members discussed the need for earlier involvement in the office budget decision-making process. Other discussion topics and budget decisions included:

- The need for a thorough study of the delivery of legal services within the University System and the addition of a legal counsel position
- The need for additional board member travel funding to accommodate attendance at interim committee meetings and professional development meetings
- The process for setting staff salaries and a 3 percent limit on salary increases for the vice chancellors and legal counsel
Board Responds to Cost Overruns on NDSU and UND Presidential Homes

The State Board of Higher Education approved a plan recommended by its Budget, Audit and Finance Committee to deal with building cost overruns on presidential homes at North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota. The board action took place during an Oct. 23, 2009, conference call.

Board actions related to the NDSU and UND presidential homes include:
• A request for the state auditor to conduct a performance audit of the construction of the homes, including a review of the cost summaries provided by the universities
• A request for a performance audit of any additional foundation-financed and managed construction projects on the campuses within the past 24 months
• A request for a state auditor review of SBHE and campus policies and procedures to ensure future compliance on building projects, regardless of the funding sources
• Authorization to seek Budget Section approval to increase spending authority on the NDSU president’s home from $900,000 to $2,039,522 and on the UND president’s home from $900,000 to $1,262,705; UND also was authorized to seek Budget Section approval of $445,308 related to construction of a new alumni center, exclusive of shared costs related to construction of the president’s home.

To prevent reoccurrence of similar problems, the SBHE approved amendments to three board policies, thus requiring University System campuses to manage all institution or foundation-funded campus construction projects in compliance with state statutes and SBHE policies. The amended policies include:
• SBHE Policy 902.1: Construction Process – Legislative Approval; List of Funding Requests
• SBHE Policy 902.3: Requests of Construction, Renovation and Remodeling; Change Orders; Changes in Project Scope or Size
• SBHE Policy 340.2: Foundations

NDUS Moving Forward on IT Strategic Plan

The North Dakota University System made significant progress on each of the five 2008-09 goals developed to accomplish the NDUS IT Strategic Plan, according to Randall Thursby, CIO.

Thursby presented an overview of progress to-date at the September 2009 State Board of Higher Education meeting.

The five goals are to:
• Improve information technology-enabled business processes and services while providing and managing resources to align with University System goals
• Support system infrastructure needs
• Improve and enhance collaborative efforts
• Improve and enhance student learning
• Increase customer focus

Key accomplishments of the past year include: significant upgrades to the parking, housing and facilities systems; establishment of an open source learning system complete with 24/7 help desk services; significant upgrades to the library system used not only by higher education, but also by the State Library, many public libraries and K-12 school districts; increased Internet capacity at five institutions to ensure acceptable levels of service for on-line access; and establishment of a project and portfolio management office to provide professional oversight of major projects and to support best practices throughout the NDUS.

Thursby also provided an outline of 2009-10 activities planned to continue progress on the IT strategic plan. This includes collaboration to complete the IT strategic architecture with the 11 campuses, continuing to seek improved efficiency and effectiveness in operations and identifying budget priorities for the 2011-13 biennium.

Providing Leading-Edge Library Services

The new ODIN Library Services interface was demonstrated to the State Board of Higher Education at the Sept. 2009 board meeting. These services are provided by the University System’s System Information Technology Services, commonly known as SITS. Pictured are Randall Thursby, NDUS CIO; Rosi Kloberdanz, executive director of NDUS Academic, Research & Learning Technologies; Tony Stukel, ODIN director; and Wilbur Stolt, chair, ODIN advisory council and UND director of libraries.
SBHE Votes to Extend UND Fighting Sioux Nickname and Logo Deadline

During an Oct. 1, 2009, conference call, State Board of Higher Education members voted to extend to Oct. 31, 2009, the deadline to retire the University of North Dakota’s Fighting Sioux nickname and logo.

The board also agreed to grant a second extension to Nov. 30, 2009, if requested by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council. The Oct. 31 extension was intended to provide Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council members elected in the Sept. 30 tribal elections more time to consider the issue. According to terms established by the board in May 2009, namesake approval from both the Standing Rock Sioux and Spirit Lake Sioux for no less than 30 years is needed if UND is to continue using the nickname and logo. The Spirit Lake Sioux Tribal Council adopted a resolution in support of the nickname and logo prior to the board meeting.

Richard A. Hanson Named Interim President of NDSU

On Oct. 23, 2009, the State Board of Higher Education named Richard A. Hanson, Ph.D., interim president of North Dakota State University, effective Dec. 1, 2009.

Hanson currently is president of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa; prior to joining Waldorf College, he was vice president for academic affairs and dean at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., from 1995 to 2005. He also has held positions at California State University, Chico, and NDSU. His most recent positions at NDSU were as the associate vice president for academic affairs (1992-1995) and interim vice president for academic affairs (1995).

A native of Hillsboro, N.D., Hanson holds a B.A. in sociology and an M.S. in child development and family relations, both from NDSU, as well as a Ph.D. in applied behavioral science from the University of California, Davis. He played football for NDSU, then for the New York Giants in 1971 and 1972, prior to becoming a graduate assistant football coach at NDSU.

The SBHE and Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, are developing a timeline intended to have a new NDSU president in place July 1, 2010.

SBHE Accepts NDSU President Chapman’s Resignation

The State Board of Higher Education accepted the resignation of North Dakota State University President Joseph Chapman, Ph.D., during an Oct. 15, 2009, conference call.

Chapman submitted his resignation Oct. 14, effective Jan. 2, 2010, citing recent controversies that have created distractions and made it difficult to lead the university. Cost overruns related to construction of a new president’s home are at the center of the concerns.

Board members cited examples of Chapman’s success at NDSU, including dramatic growth in student enrollment, academic excellence, research and partnerships with the private sector. Since becoming president in 1999, Chapman has led development of the NDSU Research and Technology Park and the NDSU Downtown Campus as well as the university’s transition to D1 NCAA athletics. “Dr. Chapman will leave a remarkable legacy of accomplishment during his time as president of NDSU,” said Richie Smith, SBHE president.

During the Oct. 15 conference call, the SBHE also discussed the process of naming an interim president and initiating a presidential search process.

Workforce Training Plans Now Integrated

For the first time, training plans for the state’s four workforce training regions have been presented to the State Board of Higher Education for approval as one comprehensive document.

Presented at the Sept. 17, 2009, board meeting, the plans for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 were prepared by the four NDUS colleges assigned primary responsibility for workforce training in North Dakota: Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, North Dakota State College of Science and Williston State College. The new format opens with common sections, such as mission, history, statewide market analysis and performance measures, and then details specific business plans for each of the four TrainND regions.

Enhanced collaboration among the four regions also has led to implementation of the shared TrainND name, logo and marketing plan, according to the report presented by Marsha Krotseng, NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning and executive director of the College Technical Education Council.
Consent Agenda Items Approved

Consent agenda items approved at the June through Oct. 2009 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

Financial and Facility Consent Agenda

**June**

**BSC:** Proceed with improvements to the National Energy Center of Excellence, using $5 million of federal and local funds

**MiSU:** Authorization to issue and sell self-liquidating, tax-exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed $10 million for construction of the Wellness Center contingent upon later approval of revenue bonds

**NDSU:** Proceed with expansion of student health services at the Wallman Wellness Center in the amount of $1,135,000

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**NDSU:** Proceed with planning and construction of the Main Station Beef Research Facility-final phase in the amount of $2,612,400

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**July**

**BSC:** Authorization to proceed with renovation of the technical center in the amount of $3,409,500

**August**

**UND:** Request to issue $1.5 million in bonds for the airport hangar addition project

**WSC:** Authorization to proceed with construction of the Career and Technology Center at a cost of $5.2 million

**September**

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**ND SU:** Seek grant funding for renovation of and addition to Dunbar Hall at an estimated cost of $15 million

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**ND SU:** Enter into an easement, lease and permit agreement with Roers Development, Inc., for construction of a 200-unit housing project

**WSC:** Ratify the chancellor’s action authorizing WSC to seek Budget Section authorization to increase spending on the science laboratory project from $1,610,000 to $2,200,000

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Academic Consent Agenda

**September**

**BSC, LRSC, NDSCS and WSC:** Joint request to terminate paraeducator program

**DBC:** Terminate the water quality management program

**DBC:** Offer an A.A.S. and certificate in paramedic technology (EMT) traditionally and at a distance

**DSU:** Establish the Theodore Roosevelt Center

**DSU:** Offer a B.S. in environmental science

**NDSU:** Offer an M.Eng. in electrical and computer engineering

**NDSU:** Offer an M.S. in advanced athletic training, and a masters of athletic training

**NDSU:** Change the title of the Department of Child Development and Family Science to Department of Human Development and Family Science

**UND:** Offer a Ph.D. in chemical engineering

**UND:** Offer an M.S. and M. Engr. in sustainable energy engineering

**UND:** Terminate the B.S. Ed. combined major in elementary education and mathematics

**UND:** Offer a certificate in conflict transformation

**UND:** Offer a Ph.D. in educational foundations and research

**UND:** Change the name of the Department of Physics to the Department of Physics and Astrophysics

**VCSU:** Request for a Prairie Waters Education and Research Center

**WSC:** Offer an A.A.S. in accounting traditionally and at a distance

**WSC:** Offer an A.A.S. and certificate in business management traditionally and at a distance
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

North Dakota Commerce Commissioner Shane Goettle presented BSC a $196,959 check July 7 to support the college’s efforts to train new workers for North Dakota’s energy sector. The funding will be used for electrical lineworker program equipment and the process plant technology program. The Workforce Enhancement Grant was matched by private sector partners.

BSC is hosting a Fulbright visiting specialist this fall to interact with students and the community. The four-week residency by historian, researcher and educator Dr. Indu Anand of New Delhi, India, is titled “Direct Access to the Muslim World.” The program focuses on improving Americans’ understanding of Islamic civilization.

Dakota College at Bottineau

The Bottineau campus made a successful transition from the name MSU-Bottineau to the Dakota College at Bottineau on Aug. 1, 2009. The new name gives the college a unique identity that reflects its location, history, mission and ongoing “Nature, Technology and Beyond” focus.

DCB won its third consecutive NJCAA national ice hockey championship in the spring of 2009 at Lake Saranac, N.Y. DCB defeated Erie Community College and Monroe Community College to capture the crown in the six-team national tournament. DCB has been the national champion four times since 2001 and seven times since 1986.

Dickinson State University

DSU recently was awarded a $101,000 grant to participate in the Phase I planning process of the Bush Foundation Teacher Preparation and Effectiveness Initiative. Over the next decade, the foundation will focus its resources on increasing educational achievement by preparing 25,000 new, effective teachers. DSU is one of eight institutions chosen to partner on the project.

DSU is hosting the fourth annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium on campus and in historic Medora, N.D., the weekend of Oct. 15. The theme of this year’s symposium is “Theodore Roosevelt: Family Man in the Arena” and features nationally-known scholars and authors as well as a field trip to the Medora and Elkhorn Ranch site. The symposium focuses on the adventure and challenge of family life among the Roosevelts.

Lake Region State College

The Grand Forks Police Department and LRSC announced Oct. 14 a partnership that will bring LRSC’s Peace Officer Training Program to Grand Forks. The program is a one-semester basic police academy that results in license eligibility for program graduates. LRSC began training police officers in 1987. Since then, the college has produced more than 1,000 license-eligible graduates who have been hired by 116 different North Dakota law enforcement agencies. The college runs a similar academy in Fargo each summer.

Mayville State University

MaSU is involved in a number of collaborative arrangements with educational institutions in and out of state. Currently, MaSU is working with LRSC, WSC and NDSCS to deliver business, elementary education and early childhood education degree programs at a distance, meeting a need to serve place-bound students.

Construction of MaSU’s new coal-burning heat plant is on schedule, and the plant should be operational in November. The switch from heating with #2 fuel to coal will reduce MaSU’s net heating costs by $480,000 per year. Fuel cost savings will pay for the coal plant construction costs of $6.5 million.

Minot State University

MiSU received a $2 million U.S. Department of Education Title III grant to strengthen engaged teaching. A Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning will improve student and faculty services and increase retention and graduation rates. The grant money also will fund student internships and mini-grants to faculty to support engaged-learning opportunities.

A $3 million IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence grant will subsidize continued undergraduate science research. A collaboration among North Dakota colleges, INBRE funds major research projects at MiSU and other institutions. The grant enables students to give presentations at national conferences and allows for increased cooperation with tribal colleges.

North Dakota State College of Science

In July, NDSCS received a more than $1 million donation from the late Wilbur A. Lunday. It is one of the largest gifts ever received by the college. It will be used to expand the...
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current scholarship fund, enhance alumni/foundation efforts and strengthen the college’s ability to achieve its mission.

In June, NDSCS kicked off the renovation of Horton Hall. The $5.7 million project was the highest-priority infrastructure item on the NDUS legislative agenda.

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**University of North Dakota**

The UND Alumni Association awarded its highest honor, the Sioux Award, to four outstanding UND graduates in October: Ed Schafer, former U.S. secretary of agriculture and former North Dakota governor; astronaut Karen Nyberg; Dan Martinsen, former standout football player and business entrepreneur; and Lavonne Russell Hootman, retired professor of nursing who helped establish the Recruitment and Retention of American Indians or RAIN program.

The UND College of Business and Public Administration received an anonymous $10 million gift, its largest gift ever and one of the largest given to UND through the UND Foundation. Announced in October and established as a Challenge Grant, the donation could have a $40 million impact on the College of Business and Public Administration.

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**Guiding the North Dakota University System**

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**Valley City State University**

All three women’s varsity sports recently were recognized nationally for their outstanding academic achievements. The volleyball team was recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, the basketball team by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association and the softball team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

The State Board of Higher Education approved VCSU’s proposed concentration in English Language Learners (ELL), adding a fourth concentration to the online master’s program. Added to VCSU’s undergraduate ESL endorsement, the new concentration helps prepare teachers to work with students who have limited English proficiency. The first classes were offered this fall.

**Williston State College**

WSC broke ground on a career and technical education building Oct. 22. The building will house several trade and technology programs, including some not currently available at the local high school or college. The programs also will be available as dual-credit courses to high school students in northwestern North Dakota. The $6 million project was approved during the 2009 Legislative Session. The building should be ready for occupancy by fall 2010.

WSC has established a Teton Athletic Hall of Fame. An inaugural class of inductees will be honored at an Oct. 31 banquet. Teams to be inducted include the 1967 volleyball team, the 1976–77 and 1978–79 women’s basketball teams, and the 1998–99 men’s basketball team. Coaches to be honored are Phil Rabon, Penny Slagle, and Terry Olson. Seven outstanding athletes also will be inducted.

**Upcoming SBHE Meetings**

Nov. 19, 2009 ....... MiSU
Dec. 17, 2009 ....... Conference call
Jan. 21, 2010 ....... Conference call
Feb. 18, 2010 ....... LRSC
April 8, 2010 ....... MaSU
Board Policy Manual Revisions Approved

Policy manual revisions adopted at the June and September 2009 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

June
Second reading and final passage
603.2 - Equal Employment Opportunities

September
Introduction and first reading
403.7 - Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits

Referred to the Executive Compensation Committee
604.1 - Performance Evaluations: Presidents
604.2 - Performance Evaluation: Chancellor; General Counsel

Introduction and final passage
Pertaining to the Dakota College at Bottineau name change:
301.1 - Organization & Titles of Institutions Governed by the State Board of Higher Education
307.3 - Branch Campus Governance and Organization
830.2 - Refund Policy

Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Recommendations Approved

The following Budget, Audit and Finance Committee recommendations were approved at the June and September 2009 State Board of Higher Education meetings:

June
• $800,000 two-year college marketing campaign
• Revised 2009–11 security and emergency preparedness funding allocation proposal
• VCSU repairs to the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse at an estimated cost of $600,000

September
• Proposed allocation of 2009–11 STEM funding
• Proposed allocation of 2009–11 education incentive funding to doctoral programs
• Proposed tuition rate changes at select NDUS campuses
• NDUS responses to CND-Campus Solutions audit and FY 2008 NDUS Office audit
• Proposed changes to SBHE Policy 802.6 – Budget Management and Control, and SBHE Policy 302.7 – Budget, Audit, and Finance Committee