SBHE Approves NDUS Strategic Plan

The State Board of Higher Education approved a North Dakota University System long-range strategic plan at the Dec. 17, 2009, board meeting.

NDUS Chancellor Bill Goetz told the board the plan is an extension of the roundtable process and a living document that will be refined as it is implemented. Goetz said the plan focuses on student success. As students succeed in reaching their goals and completing programs, they will contribute to the vision of North Dakota as the most highly educated state in the nation.

Board members emphasized the importance of establishing measurable goals and objectives. Based on outcomes of the 2009 SBHE retreat, the four long-range goals presented by Marsha Krotseng, Ed.D., NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning, are:

- The North Dakota University System is accessible, a view held by all North Dakotans.
- North Dakotans recognize that the North Dakota University System is affordable at a level that can be sustained.
- The North Dakota University System increases the overall vitality of the state through exceptional education, research, training and service.
- The 11 institutions comprising the North Dakota University System work together to achieve the vision effectively.

Colleges and Universities Partner for Student Success

Students whose ACT scores or grade-point averages (GPA) do not meet four-year university readiness expectations now have access to more preparatory education through special partnerships between some state community colleges and research universities.

The Pathway Program links North Dakota State College of Science and North Dakota State University; the Launch Program connects Lake Region State College and the University of North Dakota. In both programs, freshman students are enrolled in courses offered by the community colleges, but may reside on the university campus.

Pathway and Launch students benefit from smaller class sizes and more individualized attention. The NDSCS Pathway Program was established in 2008, and the LRSC Launch Program followed in 2009. Both programs demonstrate significant success in preparing students for transition to college.
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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.

SBHE Update
The SBHE Update is created to increase awareness of the role of the State Board of Higher Education and the North Dakota University System and to ensure the system remains connected to, understood by and accountable to the citizens and needs of the state of North Dakota.

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SBHE Appoints a Campus Missions Task Force
A task force to review campus missions was appointed by State Board of Higher Education President Riche Smith at the November 2009 board meeting.

Task force members are SBHE members Mike Haugen (chair) and Claus Lembke; Ken Story, president of the North Dakota Student Association; and Mike Hillman, Ph.D., North Dakota University System vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. Chancellor Goetz is developing the charge to the task force.

Action Delayed on Fighting Sioux Nickname
Action to resolve the University of North Dakota’s use of the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo has been delayed while an appeal to the North Dakota Supreme Court is pending.

The appeal was filed by a group of Spirit Lake Sioux tribal members in response to a district court ruling upholding the board’s right to decide the issue prior to the Nov. 30, 2010, deadline established in a lawsuit with the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA).

Discussion at the Jan. 21, 2010, State Board of Higher Education meeting focused on the impact of this delay on UND’s application to Division I athletics and the process and time period in which the Supreme Court is most likely to hear the appeal.

The board directed legal counsel Pat Seaworth to request an expedited Supreme Court hearing through the state attorney general.

Recognizing Substance Abuse Prevention Leadership
Karin Walton, former director of the North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention, was recognized for her contributions to and leadership of the consortium at a recent State Board of Higher Education meeting. Walton was consortium director from January 2005 through September 2009. Pictured with her are NDUS Chancellor Bill Goetz and SBHE President Richie Smith.

Board Policy Manual Revisions Approved
Policy manual revisions adopted at the November and December 2009 and January 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

November

Introduction and first reading
918 – Alcoholic Beverages

Second reading and final passage
403.7 - Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits
NDSU Presidential Search Underway

The State Board of Higher Education will meet to select the next president of North Dakota State University May 24, 2010, according to a search timeline approved at the Jan. 21, 2010, board meeting. A presidential profile also was approved at the meeting.

The search process is being led by senior consultant Garry W. Owens, Ph.D., of Academic Search Inc. Since 2005, the firm has completed 186 presidential searches.

Twenty campus, community and state leaders were named to the NDSU presidential search committee at the November and December 2009 SBHE meetings.

“I’m confident we are moving forward with a committee that will represent the many constituencies of NDSU very well,” said Richie Smith, SBHE president.

A list of search committee members follows. Chancellor William Goetz is an ex officio member.

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SBHE Approves 2009–10 Chancellor and Presidents’ Objectives

2009–10 objectives for North Dakota University System Chancellor Bill Goetz and the 10 NDUS college and university presidents were approved at the Dec. 17, 2009, State Board of Higher Education meeting.

The objectives were described as a good starting point, but board members discussed the timing of the annual board retreat and the relationship between setting board goals and those of the chancellor and presidents. The SBHE will consider revisions to the goal-setting timeline and process at a later meeting.
Community College Awareness Campaign Begins

A North Dakota University System community college image and awareness media campaign is scheduled to launch in February 2010, according to a report provided to the State Board of Higher Education at the January 2010 board meeting.

The first phase of the campaign will include statewide broadcast and cable TV, radio and newspaper ads, according to Debra Anderson, North Dakota University System director of public affairs and marketing. Funded by the 2009 Legislative Assembly, the campaign is intended to build awareness and enhance the image of NDUS community colleges by:

- Showcasing education, training and job opportunities in North Dakota so students choose to stay, study and work in the state
- Highlighting unique programs to new audiences, opening career and educational doors to new student populations
- Creating an awareness of career and technical education programs that will prepare students to enter high-demand careers with certification, licensure, associate degrees or higher
- Highlighting the community college role in serving as an entry point for students who desire four-year degrees, providing an environment in which students enhance academic skills before transferring to universities

The five NDUS community colleges participating in this initiative are Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, North Dakota State College of Science and Williston State College. Additional campaign activities are being scheduled throughout the 2009–11 biennium.

Sharing the Student Perspective

Ken Story, president of the North Dakota Student Association, reported on the group’s activities at the Nov. 19, 2009, SBHE meeting. Story said NDSA members will be working with Vice Chancellor Mike Hillman, Ph.D., to provide a student perspective on some of the North Dakota University System’s accountability measures. Information about the NDSA is available on the group’s new Web site at: nodaksa.org

Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Recommendations Approved

The following Budget, Audit and Finance Committee recommendations were approved at the December 2009 and January 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings:

December
- 2010-11 room and board guidelines
- Proposed capital budget changes

January
- Long Term Finance Plan and Tuition and Fee Task Force recommendations
- TIAA retirement “compensation” definition change

Upcoming SBHE Meetings

Feb. 18, 2010 ......... LRSC
April 8-9, 2010 ...... MaSU
June 17, 2010........ NDSU
July 13-14, 2010 .... Board Retreat
Consent Agenda Items Approved

Consent agenda items approved at the November and December 2009 and January 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**

**November**

**BSC:** Authorization to increase federal and local fund spending authority from $640,000 to $1,625,818 to complete unfinished areas in the National Energy Center of Excellence

**DCB:** Proceed with $280,000 in repairs and upgrades to the greenhouse complex

**DSU:** Proceed with a $1,033,000 renovation of Stickney Hall

**MaSU:** Authorization to proceed with the Science – Library renovation and Education addition at a cost of $4,958,328; seek Budget Section authorization of a change in project scope consistent with NDCC 48-01.2-25

**NDSU:** Authorization to seek Budget Section approval under NDCC 48-01.2-25 to increase the R.H. Barry Hall project authorization from $20 million to $23.5 million

**NDSU:** Authorization of $784,000 in Old Main repair and remodeling projects

**NDSU:** Proceed with a $826,000 generator upgrade at the heating plant

**NDSCS:** Proceed with purchase and installation of a chiller at Haverty Hall at an estimated cost of $400,000

**UND:** Increased authorization of $1.6 million to repair leaks at Odegard Hall, bringing the total authorization from $1.4 million to $3 million

**UND:** Authorization to proceed with construction of an addition to the National Center for Hydrogen Technology facility at an estimated cost of $5 million; authorization to seek Budget Section approval to accept and expend $5 million in construction funding per NDCC 15-10-12.1

**WSC:** Authorization to seek Budget Section approval under NDCC 48-01.2-25 for an increase in spending from $9,375,000 to $9,875,000 for the residence hall project

**WSC:** Approval to seek Budget Section authorization under NDCC section 48-01.2-25 to hire a temporary employee to manage three construction projects using capital project funds of up to $200,000 authorized in the 2009 Legislative Session and to seek interim Budget Section approval

**Appoint representatives to the State Grant Advisory Board**

**December**

**NDSCS:** Approval of a request to seek federal and/or private funding for a 54,000 sq. ft. addition to Bisek Hall for the Diesel Technology Program at an estimated cost of $10.2 million

**UND:** Authorization to request private donation funding in the amount of $19.5 million for construction of an indoor track and football practice facility

**January**

**MaSU:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $3,668,500 in revenue bonds for Agassiz Hall renovation

**NDSU:** Authorization for the North Dakota Forest Service to accept a gift of land from Rugby Point Partners according to NDCC 4-19-05

**UND:** Authorization to request private donation funding in the amount of $500,000 for renovation of UND Law School classrooms; authorization to seek Budget Section approval to accept the gift

**VCSU:** Ratification of the chancellor’s interim approval to seek federal funding of up to $1.75 million in support of STEM education, including capital facility funding

**Academic Consent Agenda**

**November**

**NDSCS:** Offer an A.A.S. and a program certificate in paramedic (EMT) technology through distance education

**UND:** Make an organizational change in the Department of Earth System Science and Policy

**WSC:** Change its organizational structure, including renaming of academic units

**December**

**BSC:** Offer an A.A.S. in renewable generation technology

**MaSU:** Terminate a B.S. in administrative office management

**MaSU:** Terminate an A.A. in secretarial science

**MiSU:** Offer a studies in community and environment (SCE) major

**NDSU:** Change the name of the Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC) to the Center for Computationally Assisted Science and Technology (CCAST)

**January**

**BSC:** Offer certificate in electronics technology through distance education

**DCB:** Offer an A.A.S. and a program certificate in sustainable vegetable production through distance education
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 has enhanced its Engineering Technology and Geographic Information Systems Technician programs with equipment including a plotter and scanner with 3-D modeling, modern GPS surveying equipment and more. The programs were moved in December to newly completed space in the National Energy Center of Excellence. The equipment is funded by a U.S. Department of Energy grant.

• BSC’s Chamber and Concert Choirs have been invited to sing in a performance of Mozart’s “Solemn Vespers” March 19 in Carnegie Hall’s Isaac Stern Auditorium in New York City. BSC students will join eight other schools to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International, a 184-voice choir.

• Photos of this year’s home construction project by BSC carpentry students will illustrate the first edition of Pearson Publishing’s textbook “Green Building,” scheduled for release next fall. Earl Torgerson, associate professor of carpentry, will write a regional review as an introduction for the framing chapter and also will be allowed to highlight the BSC Carpentry Program.

Dakota College at Bottineau

• Sixty-five percent of the student athletes who participate in DCB’s winter sports (men’s hockey and men’s and women’s basketball) were named to the fall semester honor roll or dean’s list. The hockey squad achieved the highest team average with a 3.4 cumulative GPA.

• In December, DCB received $575,000 in federal appropriations to advance its Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture. The U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded $325,000 to the ECH, and $250,000 has been granted to the center for disbursement through the Small Business Administration. The funding will be used for construction and personnel needs.

Dickinson State University

• Gov. John Hoeven appeared on campus Jan. 13 to announce that DSU will receive $8.8 million in state funding for the Stoxen Library renovation and construction project. When completed, the proposed space will include additional computer stations and labs; study areas; an expanded Academic Success Center, which provides tutoring, instruction of English as a second language and a writing center; space for the Office of Extended Learning; and the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program. The expansion also will provide a new home for the Theodore Roosevelt Center and Digital Library.

• In mid-November, the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded DSU a $500,000 Challenge Grant for the Theodore Roosevelt Center. The grant, which requires the university to raise matching funds of $1.5 million over five years, will fund an endowed chair in Theodore Roosevelt studies. It also will enable the center to acquire books and other publications to create a comprehensive TR research library.

Mayville State University

• MaSU is addressing deferred maintenance issues across the campus, thanks to funding provided by the North Dakota Legislature. In addition, a new coal-fueled heating plant became operational in December 2009, providing the campus with a more cost-effective heating source. Renovation of Agassiz Hall to apartment and suite-style student housing is underway. Ground breaking on an addition to the Byrnes-Quanbeck Library and Science Building will take place this spring. The addition will become the new home of the Division of Education and Psychology.

• MaSU partners with BSC, LRSC, WSC and NDSCS to provide distance education opportunities for students pursuing programs in business administration and early childhood education. The North Dakota Board of Nursing recently approved a request for LRSC to offer the Dakota Nursing Program at MaSU in an effort to meet a growing need for nurses in rural North Dakota.

Lake Region State College

• The Dakota Nursing Program at LRSC has been approved to deliver its practical nursing program to Mayville starting Fall 2010. The North Dakota Board of Nursing approved this site delivery at its January meeting. Students in the program will take pre-requisite and general education courses from MaSU and nursing courses from LRSC. The program will reach students with a combination of face-to-face lab/clinical classes and video networking.

Minot State University

• Beth Odahlen, director of the new Center for Engaged Teaching and Lake Region State College, Page 7
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Learning, joined MiSU as part of a $2 million Title III grant. This five-year grant will improve services for students and faculty and aid in increasing retention and graduation rates. CETL will coordinate all retention and engagement activities at MiSU.

- Dakota Draper, North Dakota Education Association president and MiSU alumnus, presented the Ready Child community-based award to Lisa Borden-King, Borden-King received the award for her work with the MiSU Reading Clinic, which she has directed for 13 years.

- MiSU broadcasting students raised more than $15,000 during their annual auction. The money will provide funding for the MiSU broadcasting club, program equipment and broadcasting scholarships. In addition, 10 percent went to the MiSU Honors Program director, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

North Dakota State College of Science

- Jeffery Berg, Building Construction Technology Department program coordinator, was named the American Technical Education Association Region 5 Outstanding Technical Teacher. Over the years, Berg has led students through building processes that included the fire hall in Wahpeton, an instructional building for high school programs, and, most significantly, the very building in which the NDSCS Building Construction Technology Program is housed.

- The NDSCS Manufacturing Department received the Steeple Award in recognition of its successful effort to create a hydraulic wheelchair for a welding student who has disabilities. The wheelchair was designed and built in the department and allowed the student to work in a near-standing position, even though he is paralyzed from the waist down. The wheelchair and the effort that created it received regional and national acclaim in industry and healthcare publications.

- Residence Life at NDSCS received the LIFE Award for developing innovative methods to enhance on-campus living and to increase the number of on-campus residents. The group held students accountable for following the freshmen requirement to live on campus, improved programming in residence halls and apartment complexes, relaunched the Residence Life Web page and wrote a marketing plan.

North Dakota State University

- NDSU is a partner in the Teacher Effectiveness Initiative funded through a $40 million grant from the Bush Foundation. The initiative, which involves 14 institutions in three states, is designed to transform teacher preparation programs.

- NDSU’s Electron Microscopy Center received a grant of nearly $567,000 from the National Science Foundation for a high-resolution analytical scanning electron microscope with a thermal Schottky field-emission gun. The equipment will allow researchers to see materials at the nanoscale level.

- NDSU faculty members Anna Grazul-Bilska and Jane Schuh were awarded a $500,000 National Science Foundation grant to purchase a Zeiss PALM Laser Micro-dissection Pressure Catapulting System for use at NDSU. Cells can be dissected away from surrounding tissue and catapulted into a tube for DNA, RNA or protein analysis.

University of North Dakota

- Andrew Leonard, an aviation management graduate student in the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, was named Outstanding Centers of Excellence Student of the Year by the Federal Aviation Administration Centers of Excellence program.

- Thanks to John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences’ aviation students, Grand Forks International Airport is posting flight statistics that rival larger airports, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

- In December, graduate student Vishnu Reddy Kanupuru, a native of India, received the first Ph.D. granted by the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. Kanupuru’s doctorate is in Earth System Science and Policy with a focus on space studies.

Valley City State University

- VCSU is slated to receive $750,000 in federal funds to extend its role in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. The funding follows a $381,000 congressionally-directed grant VCSU received earlier in the year and will allow the university to increase STEM education and training for K-12 teachers.

- The Bush Foundation has committed up to $5.65 million over 10 years to support a partnership that includes VCSU, Minnesota State University – Moorhead and North Dakota State University to improve teacher training and effectiveness. The three universities join 11 other institutions the Bush Foundation is funding to redesign teacher preparation programs.

- In a notable affirmation of the quality of VCSU’s music program, the 10th Annual Christmas at St. Catherine’s concert performed Dec. 10 by the VCSU Concert Choir and University Singers was rebroadcast by North Dakota Public Radio on Christmas Day.

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Williston State College

- WSC has begun implementing an early college success program called JAG. WSC is the first college in the state and only the second in the country to participate in this program. JAG is designed to increase the number of students who attain their academic and career goals and successfully transition from college into careers in the state.

- Tricia Kelly, a 2009 WSC graduate, began interning for U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy in Washington, D.C., in January. She will provide tours for North Dakota constituents and research on bills at the congressman’s request. Kelly will shadow Rep. Pomeroy to see if being a legislator is something she might like to pursue.