Gov. Jack Dalrymple’s 2011–13 executive budget recommendation demonstrates a strong commitment to the connectivity between higher education and the state’s economic growth, according to a State Board of Higher Education discussion at the Dec. 16, 2010, board meeting.

The governor’s 2011–13 state general fund executive recommendation (including general fund major capital projects) totals $648.2 million for the 11 campuses, the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, North Dakota Forest Service and the North Dakota University System Office. This recommendation includes an increase of $71.3 million in base funding, which is an increase of 13.3 percent compared to the 2009–11 adjusted appropriation (excluding 2009–11 one-time funding).

The executive budget general fund recommendation also includes $4.7 million for one-time increases and a $37.6 million increase for one-time major capital projects at the 11 campuses. When this $42.3 million increase in one-time funding is taken into account, the governor’s budget recommendation includes an increase of $113.6 million or 21.3 percent compared to the 2009–11 adjusted appropriation.

While supporting the governor’s budget recommendation, the SBHE will ask the legislative branch for consideration of three additional initiatives included in the board’s 2011–13 budget request, which are:

- $1,779,050 to help meet North Dakota’s projected health care workforce shortage needs by providing the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences funding for nine additional physician residency positions, eight additional medical students and 15 more allied health students;
- $510,000 to improve student learning outcomes through the use of Smarthinking online live tutoring and writing services; and
- $4,509,900 to fund the top small-to-medium size capital project on each of the 11 campuses.

SBHE President Jon Backes said the addition of these funding priorities to those recommended by the governor is the result of the board’s constitutional mandate to present a needs-based budget. The board also asked Chancellor Bill Goetz to bring back a recommendation regarding restoration of the difference in the board and governor’s recommendations related to construction of a joint University System/UND IT facility and renovation of and an addition to the Rhoades Science Center at Valley City State University. These decisions were tabled until a January 2011 board meeting to allow time to reevaluate the proposals.

For a thorough comparison of the SBHE and executive budget proposals, go to ndus.edu, then Policymakers | 2011 Legislative Session.
Duaine Espegard was appointed to the board’s Budget, Audit and Finance Committee at the Sept. 16, 2010, meeting. President Jon Backes also named Espegard committee chair. He replaces SBHE member Richie Smith on the BAFC. Backes and board member Grant Shaft also serve on the committee. Espegard was appointed to a second term on the SBHE by Gov. John Hoeven and will serve through June 30, 2014.

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

**September**
- VCSU and BSC deficiency appropriation request
- NDUS responses to FY2009 operational audits for UND, LRSC, NDSCS and NDSU

**December**
- 2011-12 room and board guidelines
- 2011-13 budget request funding pool allocation criteria

The North Dakota State University Center for Biopharmaceutical Research and Production received State Board of Higher Education approval during a special board conference call Nov. 18, 2010. SBHE approval was followed by review and approval by the Emergency Commission and the Budget Section. The NDSU center received Emergency Commission approval Nov. 30, 2010, and Budget Section approval Dec. 8.

State funding for the new Center of Excellence will be $3,015,000; it will be matched with $6,630,000 from private and other sources.

The North Dakota Student Association has established goals for the 2011 Legislative Session, according to a report provided by State Board of Higher Education member Melissa Bonner at the Dec. 16, 2010, board meeting. These goals are to:

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- Support securing equity and parity funding and a review of the inequity created by the current formula; and
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University System Enrollment Growth Continues

Now exceeding 48,000 students, headcount enrollment at the 11 University System colleges and universities is up 5 percent when Fall 2010 is compared to Fall 2009.

“Continued growth in enrollment is a positive reflection on campus recruitment and retention efforts,” said Bill Goetz, chancellor. “Expanding access to higher education is important to our state and to everyone we serve. As we look toward the future, the University System will place increased emphasis on adult learners’ access to and success in higher education.”

Highlights of the 2010 Fall Enrollment report include the following:

• The Fall 2010 systemwide headcount enrollment of 48,120 is an increase of 2,303 students from one year ago.
• The total systemwide full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE) of 38,913 is an increase of 3.6 percent compared to last year.
• 22 percent of the headcount enrollment (10,718) is at community colleges, and 78 percent (37,402) is at four-year universities.
• The community colleges had a combined net enrollment gain of 6.4 percent; universities had a combined net enrollment gain of 4.6 percent.
• Based on permanent addresses, 28,506 North Dakota residents are being served by system institutions, a 3 percent increase compared to Fall 2009.
• 28 percent of students (13,239) are from the contiguous states of Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana, and 1 percent (445) are from Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
• Graduate enrollment increased by 329 students (6.9 percent).
• Fall 2010 internet-based enrollment, including online and IVN, increased by 11.9 percent (1,584).
• 73.5 percent of students were the traditional college age of 24 or younger. This is an increase of 4 percent from Fall 2009.

For the complete report, go to: ndus.edu, then click on Reports and Information.

University System Launches New Website

The North Dakota University System recently unveiled a totally revamped website, complete with a new logo and color scheme. Located at ndus.edu, the website offers a fresh approach to the delivery of University System information and will serve as a centerpiece for communicating with key constituents.

“Our new web presence communicates an updated image of the University System and provides a wonderful tool for learning more about the campuses, the State Board of Higher Education and the system,” said Bill Goetz, chancellor. “The new site reflects our commitment to access, innovation and excellence – the University System strong points captured in our new tagline.”

The revamped site is designed to be a gateway to the 11 campus websites and features a dynamic campus search, or shopping-cart approach, to campus selection. Available under “Academics and Activities,” the search engine can be used to determine which campus is the best match for a student’s academic goals, athletic and extracurricular interests, and preference for campus size. The site provides links to campus social media and an interactive state map featuring the campuses.

Convenient access to information for faculty and staff was another area of emphasis in the redesign process. Among other features, “Employees” includes an overview of the University System’s 2011-13 budget request. This video message by Chancellor Goetz was created specifically for faculty, staff and students.

The redesign project began with an extensive review of current trends in higher education websites by a subcommittee of the University System Public Affairs Council. Strengths of the previous site, such as broad access to State Board of Higher Education policies and University System procedures, were carried over to the new site.
Consent Agenda Items Approved

Consent agenda items approved at the July, September, November and December 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

Financial and Facility Consent Agenda

July

NDSU: Authorization to proceed with a $32 million fundraising campaign through the NDSU Foundation for renovation and construction of facilities for the Bison Sports Arena and an indoor track facility and to retire lease debt associated with improvements within the Fargodome

NDSU: Authorization to apply for and accept funding for the “fit-up” of the Materials and Nanotechnology Center in the Appareo Building in the Research and Technology Park and to proceed with the project, upon approval at an estimated cost of $1 million

UND: Authorization to proceed with renovation of the Northwest Drive apartments for construction of a daycare facility to be operated by MaSU as an Early Head Start program at an estimated cost of $500,000 in grant funds; authorization for MaSU and UND to seek and accept federal funding for this project as the recipient and sub-recipient

WSC: Authorization to proceed with construction of a new residence hall at an estimated cost of $9,875,000 and approval of the issuance of not to exceed $9,375,000 in revenue bonds

September

MiSU: Authorization to proceed with Phase I of a geothermal heating and cooling system at a cost between $3.5 million and $4.5 million, including $2.5 million in state appropriations and $1 to $2 million in DOC grants, dependent on the level of DOC grant funding available; ratification of the chancellor’s interim approval to seek Budget Section approval

UND: Authorization to proceed with the Bismarck Center for Family Medicine building project based on updated status. Status also will be reported to the Budget Section

UND: Authorization to proceed with modification and renovation of mechanical and electrical systems for facility energy efficiency improvements in multiple buildings with $1 million in federal ARRA funds through the Department of Commerce

November

BSC: Approve a request for Budget Section authorization to increase the College Technical Center Renovation project by $116,638 from $3,409,500 to $3,526,138 per NDCC 48-01.2-25 to be funded from a $76,638 DOC grant and the $40,000 required match; authorization to proceed with the project, contingent upon Budget Section approval

MiSU: Authorization to seek 2011–13 legislative spending authority to remodel Old Main classrooms with $750,000 in private funds through the MiSU Foundation per NDCC 15-10-12.1; authorization to proceed with the renovation contingent upon legislative approval and availability of private funds

NDSCS: Authorization to solicit $1.5 million in private funds for renovation of the Frank Vertin football complex; authorization to amend the 2011-13 SBHE biennial budget request seeking non-state funding authorization of $1.5 million per NDCC 15-10-12.1

NDSCS: Authorization to proceed with the next stage of the Northern Tier Network deployment by connecting South Dakota’s statewide network, a node in Aberdeen, S.D., to the NTN node in Fargo at a cost of $294,600 (plus $456,644 in movable network equipment) per NDCC 15-10-12.1

UND: Authorization to build a new radio tower on campus at NDCC section 15-11-22, to be constructed and owned by the UND Alumni Association; according to NDCC section 15-10-12.1, authorization to construct and accept infrastructure and other related improvements associated with the Alumni center construction on adjacent UND property at a cost not to exceed $350,000 with funding for all costs donated by the UND Alumni Association and Foundation

VCSU: Authorization to increase 2011-13 state funding for the science laboratory project by $1,320,000 from $2,200,000 to $3,520,000 with $590,000 in fund private funds and $2,930,000 from the state general fund; authorization to proceed with the project following legislative authorization and completion of the private fundraising

WSC: Authorization to increase 2011-13 state funding for the science laboratory project by $1,320,000 from $2,200,000 to $3,520,000 with $590,000 in fund private funds and $2,930,000 from the state general fund; authorization to proceed with the project following legislative authorization and completion of the private fundraising

UND: Authorization to change the name of the Bison Sports Arena to the Sanford Health Athletic Complex in honor of Sanford Health, the lead donor in the “Building the Competitive Edge for Bison Athletics” campaign

NDSCS: Authorization to proceed with renovation of the Flickertail Dining Hall at an estimated cost of $700,000 from auxiliary funds

VCSU: Authorization to proceed with renovation of the Flickertail Dining Hall at an estimated cost of $700,000 from auxiliary funds

December

MiSU: Authorization to proceed with the removal and replacement of the football stadium bleachers at a cost of up to $2 million to be funded from institutional reserves

NDSCS: Authorization to proceed with renovation of the Flickertail Dining Hall in the Student Center at an estimated cost of $700,000 from auxiliary funds

NDSCS: Authorization to proceed with the Haverty Hall window replacement project at an estimated cost of $425,000 with $150,000 from the 2009-11 extraordinary repairs budget and
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$275,000 from the 2011-13 extraordinary repairs budget

NDSU: Authorization for the Development Foundation to issue no more than $5,660,000 in revenue bonds to refinance short-term loans for the Renaissance Hall project; authorization for the chancellor to approve issuance of the bonds at a proposed interest rate not to exceed 5 percent payable by Oct. 1, 2030, and to approve a lease rate not to exceed 5 percent payable of the bonds at a proposed interest rate not to exceed 5 percent payable for the chancellor to approve issuance of the bonds at a proposed interest rate not to exceed 5 percent payable.

Renaissance Hall project; authorization to re

NDSU: Authorization to issue no more than $5,660,000 in revenue bonds for the Renaissance Hall project by the NDSU Development Foundation.

UND: Ratification of the chancellor’s interim approval to proceed with purchase and installation of additional classroom technology equipment and the related infrastructure in the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research and the adjacent College of Nursing Building at an estimated cost of $194,000 to be paid from local departmental funds; authorization to seek Budget Section approval per NDCC 48-01.2-25

UND: Authorization of an additional $200,000 for renovation of existing space at Grand Forks Air Force Base to be leased from the Department of Defense and funded from a Centers of Excellence Enhancement Grant for Unmanned Aerial System

UND: Authorization to proceed with general renovation work, including mechanical upgrades to the existing Fargo Medical Education building, at an estimated cost of $475,000 from 2009-11 appropriated deferred maintenance funds

VCSU: Authorization to accept a land donation from AgCountry Farm Credit Services

WSC: Ratification of the chancellor’s interim approval to increase the WSC State Emergency Commission funding request from $35,000 to $55,000, with the balance of $44,960 to be internally reallocated within the WSC budget to contract for a part-time security presence on campus from November 2010 through June 2011; authorization to seek $110,000 in base funding in the 2011-13 budget request to sustain on-campus security

WSC: Authorization to seek up to $700,000 in state general funds in the 2011-13 budget to construct a $1 million addition to the WSC Workforce Training Center; authorization to seek private and other funding of up to $1.2 million to construct two stand-alone bay shops for workforce training and to modify the 2011-13 SBHE major capital project priority list accordingly

Academic Consent Agenda

July

DSU: Establish a Confucius Institute

MiSU: Offer a minor in bioinformatics and computational biology

NDSU: Create two programs from the B.S. in environmental design: a B.S. in architecture for the undergraduate architecture program and a B.S. in environmental design for the undergraduate landscape architecture program

NDSU: Establish a Confucius Institute

NDSU: Authorization for an interdisciplinary B.S. and B.A. titled “New Media and Web Design” through the Department of Communication

NDSU: Offer a minor and a 16-credit hour undergraduate program certificate in therapeutic horsemanship

UND: Authorization for an Institute for Energy Studies

UND: Offer a B.F.A. in musical theatre

UND: Offer a graduate certificate in Indian law

UND: Terminate the M.S. in business education

UND: Terminate the M.S. in career and technical education

UND: Terminate the minor in business administration

UND: Terminate the minor in industrial technology

UND: Terminate the minor in public administration

UND: Terminate the minor in taxation and business law

VCSU: Terminate the M.S. in technology education, which is a joint program with UND

September

VCSU: Offer a graduate certificate in STEM education both traditionally and at a distance

November

BSC: Revise the BSC mission statement

BSC: Offer an A.A.S. and a P.C. in petroleum production technology and approve a $500 annual program fee

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BSC: Offer an A.A.S. and P.C. in sustainable construction technology

LRSC: Revise the LRSC mission statement

MaSU: Offer a minor in music education

NDSU and UND: Jointly offer a master’s degree in public health and graduate certificate program in public health

VCSU: Terminate the B.S. Ed. in composite science education

VCSU: Terminate the early childhood minor

Personnel Consent Agenda

November

UND: Award an honorary doctorate to Ken Mellem

NDSU: Award an honorary doctorate to Louise Erdrich

NDSU: Award an honorary doctorate degree to Barry Batcheller

Upcoming SBHE Meetings

Jan. 27 ................... BSC
March 1 ................... BSC
April 7 ................... Conference call
May 9-10 ............... Retreat
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 entered into its first formal international agreement in September to offer online energy courses to Turkish students in collaboration with Izmir University, Istanbul. BSC was selected after a global search of colleges that deliver energy-related programs. BSC will offer power plant, process plant and renewable generation technologies and the BAS in energy management.

• BSC’s engineering technology program was accredited in August by the Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., formerly known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Engineering technology is the first BSC program to attain the specialized accreditation. The designation benefits students by reducing the post-graduation work hours needed to seek licensure in some states.

• Four workforce enhancement grants from the North Dakota Department of Commerce were awarded to BSC between June and October. The line worker, automotive collision technology, electronics/telecommunications technology and welding programs received a total of $321,712 to address workforce needs. Matching funds from industry partners were provided for each project.

Dakota College at Bottineau

• DCB received a $20,000 grant to redesign its developmental math sequence from the National Center for Academic Transformation. By focusing on math students’ areas of weakness, rather than on all of their basic math skills—be they strong or weak—the program’s goal is to improve success while reducing instructional costs.

• Fall 2010 headcount enrollment at DCB was 863, a 15 percent increase from Fall 2009 and a record headcount for fall semester. Since Fall 2008, headcount enrollment at Dakota College has increased 32 percent.

• A collaboration with the community’s economic development corporation resulted in a grant of $132,500 from the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program. The funding will be used to study the feasibility of establishing an adult care facility, for enhancement of the community education program and for advancing the Old Main repurposing project.

Dickinson State University

• DSU’s Department of Mathematics and Computer Science received a $644,164 Mathematics and Sciences Partnership grant to be distributed over a two-year period. The first-year award is $326,489 with the second year of funding based on the availability of federal funds. The purpose of the grant is to strengthen the mathematics content knowledge and instructional strategies of teachers.

• Dr. Jon Brudvig, interim vice president for academic affairs and director of the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program, was appointed by the president of the National Collegiate Honors Council to serve on the NCHC international education and the honors advising standing committees.

• DSU placed three finishers in the top five at the Warrior Half Marathon hosted by Midland Lutheran University on Dec. 4. Ishamel Arzola, Tina Marie Sotos and Vanessa Esquivel smashed the NAIA national championships “A” qualifying standard with their performances. Arzola finished 4th overall for the men’s race, and Lady Hawks Soto and Esquivel placed 4th and 5th.

Lake Region State College

• LRSC supporters traveled back to the days of swashbucklers and buccaneers for a pirate-themed Key Event Opportunities auction Oct. 22. The Community College Foundation raised more than $80,000, which is a record amount for the annual event.

Mayville State University

• MaSU received a Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. The grant will be used to bring STEM education and engineering concepts into the classroom. Partners are UND School of Engineering and Mines, West Fargo STEM Center and the Red River Valley Education Cooperative. Funding over two years will total nearly $380,000.

• The final phase of converting MaSU’s Agassiz Hall to suite and apartment-style living will be complete, and the facility will be ready for full occupancy in Spring 2011. The first phase of the project was completed last summer, and students occupied a portion of the facility this fall.

• At the MaSU Foundation Honor Society dinner in November, 12 new members were welcomed to the ranks of donors who have given the university cumulative lifetime gifts of $10,000 or more. Six past members of the society also moved up to new levels of giving.

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Minot State University

- An August ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the reopening of Swain Hall, a key education building on the MiSU campus. Swain Hall 2010: Strengthening our Commitment to Education featured tours of the completely renovated building.

- In October, MiSU announced new admission standards for Fall 2011 freshmen. Along with support programs that increase attention to first-year students, the standards will enable more students to reach their educational goals. To help them succeed, admitted students who have ACT scores between 18 and 21 will receive guidance on courses and enrollment, based on their specific academic needs and preparation.

- A new collaborative program between MiSU and DCB will allow more students to succeed in earning four-year degrees. Beginning Fall 2011, freshmen who do not qualify for admission to MiSU, but still want to attend college, earn bachelor’s degrees and stay in Minot, can participate in the Passport Program. This combined effort will assist students in the difficult transition between high school and higher education.

North Dakota State College of Science

- NDSCS conducted an active-shooter-on-campus exercise, the first full-scale exercise of this type conducted at a college or university in North Dakota. Those involved included NDSCS Emergency Response Team and campus police, Richland County Emergency Management, North Dakota Association of Counties, North Dakota Firefighters Association, Wahpeton law enforcement and Breckenridge Ambulance Service.

- A ribbon-cutting and grand re-opening ceremony for Horton Hall, an 83-year-old building on the Wahpeton campus, was held in October. The $5.7 million renovation was completed in just one year and is the campus’ first USGBC LEED® certified building.

- Terry Marohl, associate professor and chair of the Diesel Technology Department, was named the American Technical Education Association’s Region 5 Outstanding Technical Teacher.

University of North Dakota

- UND’s Unmanned Aircraft Systems engineering laboratory team made history recently when it took first place in the 2010 Australian International UAV Outback Search and Rescue competition in Australia. The UND team became the first in the four-year history of the competition to actually locate a life-size dummy known as “Outback Joe,” using its UAS technology.

- UND and the UND Foundation “ignited the spirit” Oct. 8 by publicly launching a $300 million fund-raising campaign. UND aims to raise $100 million to increase student scholarships, $100 million for faculty endowments, $50 million for programmatic enhancements and $50 million to improve existing or add new buildings and technology.

- The UND Flying Team won its 16th championship in 25 years at the most recent SAFECON national collegiate aviation competition. UND’s winning streak is a major feat; only the country’s top 30 or so college flying teams are invited to participate in SAFECON.

Williston State College

- The WSC Nursing Department received an advanced life support patient simulator to help prepare future nurses for work in hospital and clinical settings. The ALS simulator can simulate various situations and conditions a nurse will encounter in practice. It provides a very realistic patient care experience for student nurses. The mannequin will be housed at WSC, and instructors will transport it to Minot for student nurses there. Funding for the simulator came from the state legislature.

- Bruce Danner, a new welding technology instructor, will direct the welding technology program that has returned to WSC after an absence of more than 20 years. The program will be housed in the Career and Technical Education Center, which is projected to be complete in Spring 2011.

- WSC broke ground on a new residence hall Aug. 26. The college received authority from the state legislature to secure $9,375,000 in revenue bond funding for construction of the facility. The building will include 171 new beds in suite-style rooms; it is projected to open Fall 2011.
Board Policy Manual Revisions Approved

Policy manual revisions adopted at the September, November and December 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

September
Second reading and adoption
350.3 – School of Medicine and Health Science Advisory Board; Reports
402 – Delegation of Admission Authority
406.1 – Academic Calendars

November
Introduction and first reading
402.1.2 – Admission Policies: Student Placement into College Courses

December
First reading and final adoption
100.4 – Mission and Vision of the North Dakota University System

902.12 – Building Names
HR 1.2 – Introduction
HR 3.1 – Qualifications for Employment
HR 19 – Holidays
HR 33.2 – Continuing Education for Employees

508.2 – North Dakota Academic and Career and Technical Education Scholarships

Second reading and final adoption
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