University System Enrollment Continues to Grow

Systemwide Fall 2011 headcount enrollment increased 1.9 percent compared to Fall 2010 with a record headcount of 48,833 students, an increase of 899 compared to 47,934 in the previous year.

While some colleges and universities saw significant growth, others experienced declines related to flooding, potential students being drawn to high-paying jobs in the petroleum industry and other factors. Other significant systemwide Fall 2011 enrollment numbers include:

- 23 percent or 11,380 students included in the headcount enrollment attend NDUS community colleges;
- 76.7 percent or 37,453 students attend system universities.
- System community colleges had a combined net headcount enrollment gain of 6.2 percent; universities had a combined net enrollment gain of 0.6 percent.
- The total systemwide full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE) of 39,680 students is an increase of 2 percent or 767 FTEs compared to last year.
- Full-time on-campus enrollment, a new statistic required by HB 1003, declined by 404 students or 1.3 percent compared to Fall 2010.
- 57.3 percent or 27,972 headcount students reported a North Dakota home address; 29 percent or 13,984 students are from the contiguous states of Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota; 1 percent or 430 students are from Manitoba and Saskatchewan; the remaining 12.7 percent includes other out-of-state and international students.
- Graduate enrollment increased by 3.5 percent or 106 students.
- 73.4 percent of the student body was 24 years old or younger, a 1.9 percent increase from the previous year.

The census date was Sept. 19, 2011, or the 20th day of classes.

Wall Street Journal Recognizes University System

The attraction of out-of-state students to the North Dakota University System establishes a model for many other states facing similar demographic declines, according to a Page 1 article in the July 16, 2011, edition of the Wall Street Journal.

"Out-of-state students who attend North Dakota University System colleges and universities receive high-quality education at an affordable cost," said Grant Shaft, president of the State Board of Higher Education. "At the same time, the added enrollment helps campuses spread fixed costs over a larger student base, keeping costs down for North Dakota students and facilitating broad access for North Dakota students. Plus, many out-of-state students put down roots in North Dakota, adding to our workforce and growing our state's population."

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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
Leading the nation in educational attainment through access, innovation and excellence

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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SBHE Approves Notice of Intent to Dismiss DSU President McCallum

At its Aug. 15, 2011, meeting, the State Board of Higher Education approved an amended notice of intent to dismiss Richard McCallum, Ph.D., president of Dickinson State University.

The notice was recommended by Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, as a result of improper Fall 2010 enrollment reporting and management issues. The SBHE also approved Goetz’s recommendation to request that the State Auditor’s Office conduct a performance audit at DSU.

McCallum has requested an evidentiary hearing. Administrative Law Judge Bonny Fetch will preside over the proceeding that will begin Oct. 19, 2011, in the Office of Administrative Hearings in Bismarck, N.D. Following the hearing, the SBHE will review the hearing record and decide McCallum’s status.

D.C. Coston Named Acting President of Dickinson State University

D.C. Coston was named acting president of Dickinson State University, Dickinson, N.D., by the State Board of Higher Education Aug. 15, 2011.

"D.C. Coston has the leadership skills and professional expertise needed to guide Dickinson State University through this transition," said Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System. "He will work closely with the university’s senior leadership team, faculty, staff and students."

North Dakota State University’s vice president for agriculture and university extension, Coston will take a leave of absence from NDSU to serve as acting president of DSU, pending further board action. His appointment was effective Aug. 22, 2011.

Prior to joining NDSU in 2005, Coston served as the associate director and chief operating officer of Oklahoma State University’s Agricultural Experiment Station, Stillwater, Okla., and as the interim associate director of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. He also was a faculty member and administrator at Clemson University, Clemson, S.C., and a faculty member and extension specialist at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

Coston earned a bachelor’s degree at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., and a master’s degree and doctorate at Michigan State University, East Lansing Mich.

SBHE Members Appointed to Related Committees

The appointment of State Board of Higher Education members to serve in additional roles was announced at the Aug. 15, 2011, SBHE meeting. The appointments include:

Kirsten Diederich, Ph.D.: Budget, Audit and Finance Committee

Kirsten Diederich, Ph.D., and Terry Hjelmstad, Ph.D.: Compensation Committee

Richie Smith: Centers of Excellence Commission

Richie Smith and Jerry Effertz, Velva, N.D.: NDUS Foundation
ConnectND Meets Campus User Needs

The demand for information technology services on North Dakota University System campuses continues to grow at a rapid rate, and the ConnectND administrative computing system is keeping pace with these tremendous demands.

ConnectND experienced unprecedented user loads during Fall 2011 registration and enrollment. Students and faculty accessed the system at a sustained rate of 4,500 logins per hour, peaking at more than 5,000 per hour. This level of usage is nearly double the historical average and about 1,000 more logins than the previous hourly record.

ConnectND handled the pressure without a problem, thanks to recent improvements to the system, according to Randall Thursby, NDUS CIO.

Improvements to ConnectND include:

• A complete upgrade to the student system in 2008
• Significant improvements to the student admissions process: A client/customer relationship management system was added, thus allowing students to register completely online.
• In combination, the first two improvements simplified the registration and admission processes, improved the flow of communication and streamlined data processes at the campus level.
• Implementation of a credit card processing system: TouchNet allows students and parents to pay fees online in a secure environment. The use of this service is growing rapidly; during the first week of the Fall 2011, 3,000 payments totaling more than $6 million were processed on TouchNet.

Demands on the ConnectND system will continue to expand with students’ growing access to devices such as laptops, smart phones, iPads and tablets.

SBHE Rescinds Motion to Cease UND Transition Activity

On Aug.15, 2011, the State Board of Higher Education voted to rescind its May 9, 2011, motion directing the University of North Dakota to cease all transition activity related to retiring the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo.

The SBHE also directed UND President Robert Kelley to resume the process of preparing to retire the nickname and logo so that the process is substantially complete by Dec. 31, 2011.

The board action was an outgrowth of an Aug. 12, 2011, meeting with the NCAA in Indianapolis, Ind. Grant Shaft, SBHE president, reported on the meeting with the association. Other North Dakota meeting participants were Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Rep. Al Carlson, Sen. David Hogue, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, President Kelley, UND Athletic Director Brian Faison and Ralph Engelstad Arena Manager Jody Hodgson.

Following a presentation led by Rep. Carlson, NCAA President Mark Emmert said the association will not change its position on American Indian nicknames and imagery or related lawsuit settlement terms. However, NCAA officials agreed to ask member institutions and the Big Sky conference not to refuse to schedule UND or to reconsider UND’s approval to join the conference, pending an opportunity for UND and state officials to comply with NCAA policy and settlement terms. NCAA officials also agreed to review terms of the settlement agreement governing items that must be removed from the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

2011 legislation requiring continuation of the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo is expected to be revisited during the November 2011 special legislative session. UND will continue to use the nickname and logo during the transition period and pending legislative action during the special session.
SBHE Names Chancellor Search Committee, Search Firm

At its Sept. 15, 2011, meeting, the State Board of Higher Education named 16 higher education and private sector representatives to a committee that will conduct the search for a new North Dakota University System chancellor.

Members of the search committee include:

**State Board of Higher Education**
- Grant Shaft (Grand Forks)
- Kirsten Diederich (Fargo)
- Claus Lembke (Bismarck)

**University System Presidents**
- Dean Bresciani, Ph.D., NDSU
- Robert Kelley, Ph.D., UND
- John Richman, Ph.D., NDSCS
- Steve Shirley, Ph.D., VCSU

**NDUS Office**
- Randall Thursby, NDUS chief information officer (Fargo)

**Faculty**
- John Girard, Ph.D., SBHE faculty advisor (Minot)

**Students**
- William Woodworth, North Dakota Student Association president (Grand Forks)

**Staff**
- Aaron Berg, North Dakota University System Staff Senate president, (Wahpeton)

**Public**
- Katie Hasbargen, Microsoft senior communications manager (Fargo)
- Rodney Howe, State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (Hettinger)

Pam Kostelecky, Sax Motor Company owner and president (Dickinson)

Terry Olson, Williston State College Foundation director (Williston)

Joe Rothschilder, Steffes Corp. chief operating officer/president (Dickinson)

The SBHE also approved the selection of AGB Search, an affiliate of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, as consultants for the chancellor search. James P. Ferrare, Ph.D., principal in the firm, and James H. McCormick, Ph.D., search consultant and former chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, will lead the search.

Earlier this year, Chancellor Bill Goetz announced his plans to retire Aug. 31, 2012.

**Board Policy Manual Revisions Approved**

Policy manual revisions adopted at the Sept. 2011 State Board of Higher Education meeting include the following:

- **Introduction and first reading**
  - 441 - Degree, Credit, Non-Degree Credit and Non-Credit Activities
  - 508.2 - North Dakota Academic and Career and Technical Education Scholarships
  - 805.1 - Tuition

- **Second reading and final adoption**
  - 706.1 - Board Members Per Diem Payments

- **Introduction and final adoption**
  - 505 - International Student Health Insurance

**Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Recommendation Approved**

The Budget, Audit and Finance Committee recommended and the State Board of Higher Education approved the following recommendation at the Sept. 2011 meeting:

- An allocation of $130,000 each to UND and NDSU for doctoral program funding from the education incentive funds appropriated for the 2011-13 biennium

**Upcoming SBHE Meetings**

- Sept. 27 ................. Joint Boards
- Nov. 17 .................. VCSU
- Dec. 15 .................. Conference Call
Consent Agenda Items Approved

Consent agenda items approved at the September 2011 State Board of Higher Education meeting include the following:

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**

**BSC:** Ratification of the chancellor’s interim action authorizing the naming of a facility the Robert A. Kuntz Physical Plant Building

**BSC:** Approval of the chancellor’s interim action to rename the Bismarck Community Bowl athletic complex on the BSC campus the MDU Resources Community Bowl

**MiSU:** Approval of the chancellor’s interim action authorizing the purchase of an eight-plex to house faculty and staff displaced by the Minot flood at a cost of $500,000 to be financed by a low-interest loan and repaid with auxiliary revenues

**MiSU:** Approval of the chancellor’s interim action authorizing the purchase of 10 Olympic Village-style housing units to accommodate students displaced by the Minot flood at a cost of $2.5 million to be financed by a low-interest loan and repaid with auxiliary revenues

**MiSU:** Approval to proceed with rebuilding of a campus fiber network, server room relocation and the associated classroom remodeling at an estimated cost of $710,000 to be paid with 2011-13 capital assets funding

**NDSCS:** Approval to proceed with a $350,000 renovation of the Enrollment Services Office complex in Haverty Hall funded from tuition revenues

**NDSU:** Approval to proceed with a $1.2 million renovation of the NDSU football complex to be funded by not less than $250,000 in private funds, up to $910,000 from auxiliaries and a contribution of $40,000 from bookstore partner Validis; approval to proceed to the Budget Section for a change in project funding source per NDCC 48-01.2-25

**NDSU:** Approval to begin fundraising for the Richard H. Barry Hall Commodity Trading Room

**NDSU:** Approval to expend $2,868,330 of Department of Commerce ARRA grants on an energy performance contract with Energy Services Group (ESG) previously authorized at up to $2.8 million

**NDSU:** Approval to proceed with a new $5 million indoor track facility to be funded from private sources

**MaSU:** Ratification of the chancellor’s interim action to expand the Agassiz Hall renovation project from $3,668,500 to $3,745,000 from North Dakota Department of Commerce ARRA funding and to approve a funding source change of $64,300 from institutional local funds; authorization to seek Budget Section approval

**MiSU:** Ratification of the chancellor’s interim action to retroactively authorize proceeding with Swain Hall remodeling at a cost of $13,286,150 to be funded from $7,582,535 in general funds, $703,615 in local match and $5 million in federal funds; authorization to seek Budget Section approval of the use of interest earnings, indirect cost recovery, donations and continuing education net revenue to meet the legislatively mandated match requirement of $703,615

**MiSU:** Ratification of a request to increase the geothermal project authority from $3.5 million to $9.35 million to be funded from $7.35 million in state appropriations and $2 million in North Dakota Department of Commerce ARRA funds; authorization to seek Budget Section approval of a reduced project scope per NDCC 48-01.2-25; following Budget Section approval, authority to proceed with Area A completion and begin installation of the main campus loop

**NDSU:** Authorization to increase funding for the indoor track facility from $5 million to $5.5 million to be paid from private funds; authorization to seek Budget Section approval for the increase and to proceed with the project upon approval

**Academic Consent Agenda**

**MiSU:** Offer an early childhood special education program certificate at a distance

**MiSU:** Offer a deaf/hard-of-hearing education program certificate at a distance

**MiSU:** Offer a B.S.E. in early childhood education traditionally and at a distance

**MiSU:** Offer a special education strategist program certificate at a distance

**MiSU:** Offer a learning disabilities graduate program certificate traditionally and at a distance

**NDSU:** Offer an M.S. and graduate certificate in international infectious disease management and biosecurity jointly with Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, at a distance

**UND:** Terminate programs:
- Physician assistant certificate
- Graphic communication technology minor

**UND:** Offer an advanced public health nurse post-master’s certificate traditionally and at a distance

**VCSU:** Offer a major in medical laboratory science 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

• BSC and the Dakota Institute presented a national humanities symposium and commemoration Sept. 9-11 at BSC. September 11 Ten Years Later: Impact on the Heartland explored the Midwest experience with a 100-stories documentary featuring North Dakotans, speakers of national prominence directly involved in 9/11 and state political and congressional leaders.

• BSC hosted the first visit of educational representatives from Ghana Aug. 29–Sept. 1 to discuss a potential partnership with Takoradi Polytechnic, which is interested in accessing BSC’s nationally recognized energy programs. BSC administrators traveled to Ghana in 2009 to lay groundwork and to support the mission of the North Dakota National Guard in Ghana through the State Partnership Program.

• For the fourth year, BSC earned recognition as one of the top 10 places for young professionals to work. Selected from 22 nominations, BSC received the award from the Young Professionals Network in June. In August, BSC was among the first nine North Dakota businesses to be recognized as infant friendly by the North Dakota Department of Health.

Dakota College at Bottineau

• DCB will begin enrolling students in its sustainable vegetable production major in Spring 2012. The program will prepare students to meet consumer demand for direct market and locally produced food. The new curriculum supplements DCB’s historic mission of providing programming in horticulture and forestry.

• In cooperation with the North Dakota Humanities Council, DCB and the Bottineau Technology Center will host the local showing of Key Ingredients: America by Food, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit that delves into historical, regional and social traditions of everyday meals and celebrations of the American table. The event will run from Dec. 8 through Jan. 20.

• In cooperation with the Minot Community Ambulance Service, DCB has begun a program to educate area individuals interested in becoming emergency medical technicians. The first 10 students enrolled in the program in Fall 2011, and it is expected to grow as the consortium expands.

• 100 percent of DCB students enrolled in the Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing Programs through the Dakota Nursing Consortium passed the 2010-11 National Council for Licensing Exams, including 19 PN and 14 RN students.

Dickinson State University

• DSU has been ranked number eight out of 42 universities with online programs studied by Online Education Database’s Online College Rankings: The Best Online Universities. Online college courses have been offered at DSU since 2001. Today, the program offers more than 90 online classes and eight online degrees.

• DSU’s 2011 nursing graduates scored well above the national average on qualifying exams. Registered nursing graduates averaged 90.5 percent, and practical nursing graduates averaged 91.7 percent compared to national averages of 87.7 and 86.8 percent, respectively.

• Five DSU students participated in 27-day-long business internships in China. In the first internships DSU has offered abroad, the students did research with the exporting divisions of Lifan Motor Corporation in Chongqing by day and experienced Chinese culture by night and on weekends.

Lake Region State College

• Nine practical nurse students received pins in a ceremony at LRSC July 15. Five other students received pins July 14 in Mayville. A partnership between MaSU and LRSC makes access to the nursing program in Mayville a reality for students.

• In cooperation with the Fargo Police Department and Cass County Sheriff’s Department, LRSC graduated 29 students from its summer peace officer academy held in Fargo. An additional 26 students graduated from a summer peace officer academy in Grand Forks offered in partnership with the Grand Forks Police Department. The academies, the tenth consecutive in Fargo and second in Grand Forks, serve the needs of the law enforcement workforce in those communities and the state.

Minot State University

• MiSU’s Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service and the Minot Area Community Foundation have partnered to design and implement a questionnaire for people affected by the flood in Minot and the surrounding area. MiSU students and faculty will use Global Information System technology to map responses.

• Healthy Communities International received $416,000 from the North Dakota Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control Policy to expand its Tobacco Policy and Environmental Change Collaborative from August 2011 to June 2012. HCI began at MiSU in 2003 with a Robert Wood Johnson/American Medical Association Smokeless States grant to impact smoke-free policies throughout the Midwest.
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• William Chew began as MiSU’s first superintendent of campus security and safety Sept. 4. MiSU is transitioning from employing off-duty police officers and security guards to an internal department.

North Dakota State College of Science

• NDSCS launched NDSCS Mobile, a suite of smartphone applications that give students, staff, faculty and visitors the ability to tour the NDSCS campus, browse event calendars, get the latest news, view campus photos and more. Currently, NDSCS Mobile is available for Apple® and Android® devices and will be available in the near future for Blackberry® users.

• The NDSCS RN program received a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council of Licensing Exam (NCLEX-RN). All 2011 NDSCS ASN-RN graduates passed the exam on the first attempt earlier this spring. This is the second consecutive year in which the NDSCS ASN-RN program has had a 100 percent, first-attempt pass rate.

• NDSCS announced in July that it is teaming up with UND’s Unmanned Applications Institute to offer unmanned aerial vehicle training and education. Geospatial remote sensing, intro to intelligence and other professional or accredited courses may be among the classes offered at NDSCS. UAI will provide training for this new, fast-growing industry to North Dakota and the upper Great Plains.

North Dakota State University

• More NDsu students will conduct research in Antarctica through grants from the National Science Foundation. NDsu geology professors Adam R. Lewis and Ken Lepper received a $292,568 grant, and Jane Willenbring, assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania and a 1999 NDSU graduate, received $287,416 to conduct eight weeks of field research in Antarctica in late 2011 and to support as many as seven graduate and undergraduate students as research continues through 2014.

• The new Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics commodity trading room is available to students. Located in Richard H. Barry Hall, the room is a teaching platform for commodity trading, marketing, logistics and risk management. It is made possible, in part, by a donation of $250,000 from the Archer Daniels Midland Co.

• Several North Dakota crops could play a significant role in bio-based resins and coatings recently developed by NDSU researchers. The resins can be altered to perform in many applications and industries and can be made from sugar beets, plus oils from soybeans, flax and sunflowers.

University of North Dakota

• UND researchers launched a $3 million study to measure water quality in West Stump Lake, an outlet destination for the flood-stricken Devils Lake Basin. Water quality and impacts downstream to the Sheyenne and Red River Valleys are often cited as reasons not to build larger outlets to mitigate regional flood damage.

• Faculty of 1000 – a global group of scientists – recently named a paper by UND Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics researchers (PPT) among the top 2 percent of all published articles in the biological and medical sciences. Dr. Saobo Lei, M.D., Ph.D., a UND neuroscientist, was the lead author.

• UND Law School again will be included on a list of best-value law schools in the nation. Last year, UND was rated 19th, based on rankings by preLaw and National Jurist magazines. The university will find out exactly where it lands when the final rankings are released in October.

Valley City State University

• VCSU earned the number one spot among the top public regional colleges in the Midwest in the 2012 edition of America’s Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group. This marks the 14th year in a row VCSU has been recognized by U.S. News.

• VCSU received a three-year $232,029 grant to develop, implement and disseminate projects for collaborative teams of K-12 library media specialists, classroom teachers and school administrators. The 15-month program will equip North Dakota schools to improve the information literacy of students.

• The newly completed $3.5 million renovation of Snoeyenbos residence hall includes enhanced single and double-occupancy suites, a remodeled lobby and common areas, and renovated mechanical systems. With funding coming from residence hall rates and student fees, the updated facility is generating very positive feedback.