The University of North Dakota nickname and logo controversy continues to drag through a prolonged process with no immediate resolution.

The latest development is an attempt to reverse, or throw out, the 2007 negotiated agreement between the NCAA and state of North Dakota. An argument was presented in federal court that the agreement should be voided since the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock Sioux tribes were not included in the discussions.

Minot lawyer Reed Soderstrom was quoted as saying in an Associated Press story: “The Sioux people have been repeatedly refused a seat at the table to discuss this issue.”

According to the 2007 settlement, UND was to retire the nickname and logo if the state’s Sioux tribes didn’t give approval of use by December 2010. Spirit Lake gave approval and Standing Rock government leaders did not hold a vote - but did pass several resolutions against keeping the nickname.

DSU President D. C. Coston notes questions and rumors regarding the visit have been raised and in response he has written a “Letter from the President” that can be found at http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/discover_dsu/about_dsu/letter.aspx

In summary, Dr. Coston in his letter attempts to provide information concerning the HLC and accreditation and also thanks those at DSU who have “continued to work diligently through some challenging times for DSU. It is essential that we keep our focus on providing outstanding learning experiences for our students and being responsive to the needs of our region.”

DSU is scheduled for a full accreditation review in the 2014-15 academic year. The last HLC accreditation was in 2005.

“DSU has had some major challenges recently,” Coston wrote, explaining the advisory visit. “Because of the visibility and nature of what has occurred HLC believes it appropriate to have a team visit DSU … the primary concerns resulting in the visit are admission and graduation of certain international students and over-reporting of student enrollment.”

The formal notice of visitation stated: “Following the visit, the Commission, will determine, based on the materials in the record and the findings of the team, whether follow-up action is appropriate. If follow-up action is appropriate, that action may involve further reporting or visit requirements, a sanction or other accrediting outcome.”

Coston expects a positive outcome. “I have been told that there are several factors that likely will weigh heavily in DSU’s favor: (1) we have been up-front with what has and is occurring at DSU; (2) DSU has successfully been accredited for many years; and (3) we are correcting issues and putting processes in place to assure that there will not be recurrences.”
Bachelor degree in management proposed for Williston State College

North Dakota University System Chancellor William Goetz has strongly recommended State Board of Higher Education approval of a request to offer a bachelor of applied science in applied management at Williston State College.

The program is needed, Goetz said, because WSC offers the only opportunity for face-to-face higher education for many citizens in northwest North Dakota and northeast Montana, and the program would address critical needs in an underserved and increasingly isolated community.

Documentation suggests new funding will not be needed for the program as start-up funds will be provided by the WSC Foundation. Ongoing operation would be funded through tuition revenue and internal reallocation. It is anticipated that half of the necessary courses will be delivered online. Program accreditation would be sought and the program would be placed within the business department.

In a recent feasibility study, 205 students (out of 279) suggested the bachelor’s program would fulfill an unmet need in the community. More than 60 percent expressed interest in pursuing the proposed B.A.S. after completing an A.A.S. degree.

The request proposal indicated the degree would not duplicate any existing program in the university system.

“The proposed degree is comprehensive and innovative and will educate, train and develop successful supervisors and project managers,” the report reads. “These managers will be capable of utilizing technology and creating competitive advantages for their business enterprises.

“The proposed B.A.S. will enhance career opportunities for graduates and benefit growing industries in the Williston area. Strong demand data, the resulting gap, and community demand demonstrate strong state need for this degree at Williston State College. Lastly, this degree helps meet the needs of the Williston region, which has and always will be the primary mission of Williston State College.”

The SBHE delayed action.

Lembke resigns from State Board

Claus Lembke has resigned as a member of the State Board of Higher Education. Lembke, government affairs director and a lobbyist for the North Dakota Association of Realtors, was appointed to the board by then-Gov. John Hoeven in 2009. His four-year term would have ended in July 2013.

“It got totally time-consuming,” Lembke told the Associated Press. “My life became higher ed. Personally, with friends, it was always higher ed. You go into the business arena or coffee, always higher ed ... It just got to be so big, and too much.”

Gov. Jack Dalrymple will select someone to serve out Lembke’s term on the board. Lembke, from Bismarck, was one of eight board voting members that oversee North Dakota’s university system, which has 11 colleges, almost 49,000 students and a two-year budget of more than $1 billion.

He also told AP that he was motivated to quit because of constant public criticism of the board and university system. “With all the good the system has done, it just was very difficult for me to continue.”
The State Board of Higher Education has ratified the contract of incoming chancellor Dr. Hamid Shirvani.

Contract term will run from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Annual salary was set at $349,000.

The new chancellor will officially begin on July 1, 2012, but arrangements through a separate consulting contract were made for him to spend at least one week each month during April, May and June in North Dakota.

Shirvani’s contract requires him to prepare annual objectives, consistent with the NDUS strategic plan and board objectives, by which his performance can be measured. As well as serving as chancellor, Dr. Shirvani was awarded academic appointments as professor of architectural engineering, UND Department of Civil Engineering; and professor of architectural engineering, NDSU Department of Civil Engineering. Those positions are not tenured or salaried.

President since 2005 of California State University-Stanislaus, Turlock, Calif., Shirvani, 61, will serve as the chief executive officer of the SBHE and the chief executive officer of the NDUS, charged with carrying out the policies and directives of the board of higher education. The NDUS office is located at the state Capitol in Bismarck.

Shirvani earned a master’s degree from Harvard and a doctorate from Princeton. He has served as a professor or administrator in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

Shirvani succeeds Chancellor William Goetz, who is retiring in August.

A common systemwide lecture capture solution, technology that allows instructors to record what happens in their classrooms and make it available digitally, has been approved for use in the North Dakota University System by the State Board of Higher Education.

According to Randall Thursby, NDUS chief information officer, lecture capture will have significant benefits for instructors and students including:

- Serve as an alternative when students miss class.
- Provide an opportunity for content review.
- Manage content for online course development.

Lecture capture is expected to enhance and extend existing instructional activities, whether in face-to-face, fully online, or blended learning environments. It will enable the review of content and concepts before exams, be accessible on mobile devices, allow prospective students to preview sample courses, facilitate classroom discussion from pre-recorded content, and provide greater access to external content, labs, demonstrations and guest lecturers.

Beyond recording lectures, the system is touted as a baseline technical tool to support and enhance curriculum, and is also capable of creating tutorials and proctoring online exams. Greater storage capacity and additional available hours of usage will also be benefits.

The systemwide solution is expected to be operational by July 1, 2012 and fully functional by the Fall 2012 semester.

The State Board of Higher Education has approved that request.

The proposal indicated that child care slots had been reduced by 78 since 2003, affecting the community’s economic development and the college’s ability to find and hire prospective employees.

Plans call for the DCB land for the center to be leased to the EDC and that a constructed center would be financed by the EDC. Dakota College will have no obligation for the construction, management or maintenance for the facility.

The building is planned to be 8,877 square feet and is expected to be built at a cost estimate of $100 per square foot. The land-lease agreement is set to last from May 1, 2012 through June 30, 2062. Construction is expected to begin by May 30, 2012 and occupancy is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2012.

One of the growing needs across the university system is child care for students and employees. With that need in mind, Dakota College at Bottineau has requested development of campus land for construction of a child-care center in conjunction with the Bottineau Economic Development Corporation.

The State Board of Higher Education has approved that request.

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### Dakota College to get on-campus child-care center

Upcoming SBHE Meetings

- May 16-17 .....Retreat
- June 14 ..........NDSU
- June 21 ..........Tentative
White paper looks at oil boom and higher education impact

The State Board of Higher Education and University System have issued a white paper for North Dakota residents and the Legislature concerning higher education opportunities and challenges in oil-impacted communities. The white paper begins:

“North Dakota’s economy outpaced all states in 2011 with the fastest growing personal income and number of job possibilities. But oil-boom opportunity doesn’t come without challenges. North Dakota’s infrastructure in the major impacted region, specifically in housing, transportation and roads maintenance, general costs of living, police and emergency services, individual safety – AND EDUCATION – is near breaking points.

“Thousands of workers have moved to 17 western counties. Williston is the fastest growing small city in the United States. In a 365-day period ending in July 2011, it grew nearly 9 percent in small city population (10,000 to 50,000) to nearly 25,000 residents. Dickinson and Minot also rank in the top eight in fastest growing small cities. And recent flooding in Minot and Bismarck adds to limiting housing availability in all four cities.

“The boom and its attached opportunities-challenges are likely a long-term fact of our lives. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar is now seeking new initiatives to expedite development of domestic energy resources. The review time for drilling permits could be reduced by two-thirds and the time required for the sale and processing of federal oil and gas leases will be reduced.

“The Bakken Formation is a world-class reserve that is believed will be active for at least the next four decades. In 2008, it was estimated that it included between 3.0 to 4.3 billion barrels of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil. That estimate is expected to climb much higher as the United States Geological Survey updates its oil and gas assessments with significant new technology and geological drilling and production information that are now available. Oil production in the Bakken increased from 28 million barrels in 2008 to 50 million barrels in 2009 to approximately 86 million barrels in 2010.

“All of this will present challenges on many levels. This white paper specifically addresses the impact on higher education in the four communities where educational challenges are greatest at Williston State College, Minot State University, Dickinson University and Bismarck State College.”

The 2013-15 budget proposed to the SBHE includes a $5 million NDUS Energy Impact Fund to be allocated to identified campuses who undergo impact directly related to energy development.

To review the white paper, go to: http://www.ndus.edu/uploads/reports/97/oil-impact-white-paper---april-2012.pdf

Performance funding pilot phase is OK’d by education board

The State Board of Higher Education has accepted a report from the Performance Funding Task Force that recommends three measures for the pilot phase at all institutions. The three focus areas are:

• Fall to spring retention at the institution where the student initially enrolled.

• Fall to fall retention at any institution within the North Dakota University System.

• The number of students awarded degrees between July 1 and June 30 of each year.

The task force recommendation included giving equal weight to the three measures. The recommendation calls for an unfunded pilot initiative beginning in FY 2013 to fine-tune a performance funding process that will be implemented during the 2015-17 biennium.

“It is imperative that data definitions, standards, timeframes and reporting practices and procedures be consistent across all 11 institutions if this process is to be successful,” wrote Marsha Krotseng, task force chair and NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning.

The Performance Funding Task Force was appointed by the chancellor in late January. Membership included two representatives from the research universities, two representatives from the four-year universities and two representatives from the community colleges.

Its charge was to provide detailed, consistent definitions for the retention, completion and outcomes measures; examine the performance funding process used in selected states; provide recommendations regarding weighting and implementing the performance measures; and recommend one measure for use in an initial pilot phase.
BSC student union expansion-renovation approved

A $7.5 million expenditure has been approved by the State Board of Higher Education for an addition and renovation of the Student Union at Bismarck State College, due to student growth and a need to better serve students, employees and visitors.

The current 31,300-square-foot Student Union was built in 1974 and this project will include a 14,800-square-foot addition and remodeling of 22,000 square feet. The project will enhance food service seating, kitchen and storage space, bookstore storage and floor space, student activities space, socialization and study group areas and provide dedicated space for student government and other clubs and organizations.

The project will be funded $7 million from revenue bond proceeds to be repaid from housing collections, and $500,000 in auxiliary reserve funds.

The design phase is expected to be complete in May with project bidding in June and construction as soon as possible thereafter; fall 2014 is the target deadline for project completion.

Consent agenda items approved

Consent agenda items approved at recent State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**

Approval of a resolution regarding chancellor authority to sign documents related to refunding of North Dakota Building Authority Bond

**NDSU:** Request to approve a capital/major operating lease agreement between NDSU and the NDSU Research Technology Park.

**NDSU:** 1) Approval the issuance of University Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (NDSU Development Foundation – Barry Hall Project and Klai Hall Project) by the City of Fargo at a proposed interest rate not to exceed 4.5%; the approximate final date upon which the principal amount of the obligation will mature or become payable is December 1, 2036; and 2) Approve a lease agreement and other related documents between NDSU and the NDSU Development Foundation for the transaction

**NDSU:** Approval to proceed with the reconstruction of parking lots at an estimated cost of $3,200,000 to be funded from parking lot local funds

**NDSU:** Approval to proceed with the replacement of the roof on Music Education building at an estimated cost of $500,000 to be funded from 2011-2013 extra repair funds

**NDSU and UND:** Approval of the joint MPH program request to charge Minnesota residents in accordance with the ND/MN Reciprocity Agreement; NDSU and UND are not requesting a rate change for the North Dakota Residents nor for the Contiguous/MSEP/All Other Non-Residents

**UND:** Approval of the School of Law request to enroll non-UND law students to its summer program in Moss, Norway; adopt a flat-rate tuition structure that is appropriately higher than the flat-rate tuition structure approved for UND law students (proposed non-UND law student tuition of $4,600 for the 4-credit program and $6,300 for the 6-credit program, with annual increases at the approved rate for the institution) for the next five years with reassessment of tuition rates in the 2016-17 academic year in light of instructional costs and student enrollment

**WSC:** Authorization to enter into a lease agreement with the WSC Foundation to enable the

Board policy manual revisions approved

Policy manual revisions adopted at the April 2012 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

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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 launched 25+ program-specific videos that extend its marketing messages using social media. The videos are shared on the web, via email, in program-specific marketing pieces, and through targeted digital advertising, maximizing BSC’s marketing budget and resources and highlighting the connection between BSC programs and career opportunities in ND and beyond. The videos can be found at http://www.youtube.com/bismarckstatecollege.

- A recent media story highlighted BSC’s ability to train students to fill workforce needs. The mechanical maintenance program was the focus of the KKMB-TV story, reporting that nearly all Mechanical Maintenance graduates get jobs in their field. BSC is holding an energy open house on April 24 bringing potential students, industry representatives and faculty together to help fill the dire need for energy workers in North Dakota.

- Over the spring break, BSC students and faculty participated in study abroad opportunities in Scotland and Italy. BSC faculty and administrators traveled to Germany hoping to expand the number of these abroad opportunities for BSC students.

Dakota College at Bottineau

- Beginning fall, 2012, Dakota College will offer Honors Program course work to exceptionally well prepared students who enroll at the college. Courses scheduled for an Honors section include the following: U.S. History to 1877, Introduction to Psychology, College Composition I, and Anatomy and Physiology, and Introduction to American Literature.

- As a community service and as a way of giving back to its constituents, Dakota College held its annual rummage sale on March 17 with the proceeds being donated to worthy organizations. In the past, donations have been made to the Food Pantry, Ambulance Service, Fire Department, PTO and many other groups. This year, $1,734 was raised at the sale and cumulatively, more than $10,000 has been raised since 2003.

- On March 7, Dakota College hosted students, faculty and staff from six North Dakota community colleges for the annual, state-wide Phi Theta Kappa Recognition Program and Dinner. Approximately 50 people were in attendance to honor 12 top ranked, academically talented students from the colleges. The event was emceed by Dr. Marsha Krotseng and the guest speaker was Dr. Lexi Kvasnicka-Gates, History Assistant Professor, at Dakota College.

Dickinson State University

- The Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University reached a milestone in its collection by reaching 10,000 digitized items which have been made available on its website www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org. To date, the collection includes: 6,260 letters, of which 4,358 are from Roosevelt himself; 1,211 photographs; 846 cartoons; 270 telegrams; 40 maps and 17 of Roosevelt’s personal diaries.

- A group of students from DSU will be traveling to Antigua, Guatemala, as part of the God’s Child Project in May 2012. Students will take part in building homes, serving meals, distributing clothing and caring for children in impoverished communities.

- The Department of Natural Sciences at DSU hosted the 18th Annual Southwest Regional Science Olympiad competition on March 8. This year, more than 400 junior high and high school students competed in the Science Olympiad tournament from schools in the towns of Alexander, Beach, Belfield, Bismarck, Bowbells, Bowman, Dickinson, Glen Ullin, Hebron, Hettinger, Scranton and South Heart.

Lake Region State College

- Lake Region State College held a ribbon cutting and open house to showcase its new nursing simulation lab. The new equipment will provide clinical experiences in a safe environment by replicating high risk patients. The equipment was purchased during the 2011 fall semester after receiving a $105,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation. The purpose of the funding was to act as a means of delivering enhanced education opportunities for student nurses and incumbent healthcare workers in the northeast quadrant of North Dakota.

- Lily Reese, a student at LRSC, was one of 50 students selected to be a Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar through Phi Theta Kappa. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and providing nearly $187,500 in scholarships annually. Gold Scholars each receive a $1,500 scholarship and a special medallion. All Coca-Cola

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Community College Academic Team Scholars were listed in the April 23 issue of the USA TODAY newspaper.

Mayville State University

- Based on a 10-year average, 99% of Mayville State graduates found satisfactory placement in their careers. Half of all Mayville State’s teacher education graduates work in North Dakota, and 70% of non-teaching graduates find employment in North Dakota. More than 750 of North Dakota’s current teachers graduated from Mayville State, and schools in nearly every county in the state have Mayville State-educated teachers.

- Mayville State is increasing the degree programs available to place-bound adults throughout North Dakota. Over the last four years, Mayville State has enrolled 21% more North Dakota residents. These students are located at Mayville State and in communities throughout North Dakota.

- Mayville State will host the North Dakota Shrine Bowl players and coaches during their week of training prior to this year’s game on July 14. Teams will practice at Mayville State practice fields and Jerome Berg Field, and accommodations will be provided in Mayville State residence halls and dining services July 9-14, 2012.

Minot State University

- MiSU was honored March 15 by the American Red Cross for its support by sheltering 2011 Mouse River flood refugees in the Dome. Allan McGeough, executive director of the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross, presented MiSU with a limited edition print.

- The flood slowed work slightly, but MiSU turnover of the Wellness Center will begin this summer. The 60,000-square-foot, $12.8 million facility will not be in full operation until the fall semester. For use only by current students and based on student requests, it will have two intramural courts, a student weight room, an athletic weight room, a wrestling room, a three-story rock climbing wall and cardio room.

- The Sociology Club sponsored a town hall meeting about affordable housing and renters’ rights in Minot. The guest panel included MiSU administrators, Minot city officials and Minot City Council members. Working with the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, the club continues to research how other cities and agencies work toward alleviating homelessness.

North Dakota State College of Science

- Three North Dakota State College of Science John Deere Tech teams participated in the National Postsecondary Agricultural sponsored competition for Agricultural Machinery Service Technicians and won first place, fifth place, and 10th place. Top team prize winners were Leif U’Ren of Redwood Falls, Minn., and Jeff Bruning of Mapleton, Iowa. Leif U’Ren also was named high individual scorer.

- NDSCS has released the latest version of NDSCS Mobile, the College’s official mobile application which now includes augmented reality for iPads and iPhones. The latest release – NDSCS Mobile 2.0 – also includes new features and enhanced functionality for Android and iPhone, iPod touch and iPad.

- The Otto Bremer Foundation, majority owner of Bremer Bank, awarded $120,000 to the NDSCS Foundation. The funds will be used to update technology in the NDSCS Allied Dental Education Clinic on the Wahpeton campus.

North Dakota State University

- The new commodity trading room in Richard H. Barry Hall is nearing completion. The space for students to analyze markets, study logistics and learn about trading and risk management is scheduled to be available for classes starting next fall. Equipment installation is planned for June.

- Scientists in a lab at NDSU’s Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering are analyzing materials that could eventually play a role in North Dakota oil exploration. As part of a research agreement with the North Dakota Geological Survey, center researchers are analyzing 198 clay samples to determine their composition and suitability for use as a component called ceramic proppant in hydraulic fracturing. The fracturing process is used to extract oil and natural gas deep within the ground in places such as the Williston Basin.

University of North Dakota

- The American Council on Education (ACE) appointed Julie Anderson, associate professor of nursing at the University of North Dakota, as an ACE Fellow for 2012-13. Anderson specializes in global health care with an emphasis on primary service and conducts research on skin care and wounds.

- Jiayong Zhang, assistant professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of North Dakota, was selected by the National Space Club as the 2011 winner of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration David Johnson Award for path-breaking work with complex data streamed down

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Budget, audit and finance recommendations approved

The following Budget, Audit and Finance Committee recommendations were approved by the State Board of Higher Education at the April 2012 meetings:

• 2012-13 State Grant Advisory Board recommendations

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After the Supreme Court decision, UND President Robert Kelly said:

“… It is important that the voters of North Dakota become fully educated about the potential ramifications of their vote on this issue in June. If this referendum passes, there will be long-term negative consequences for the University of North Dakota and UND’s athletic programs.

“The petition action puts UND in the same position the University was in last August when the governor, the majority leaders in the North Dakota Senate and the North Dakota House, the North Dakota Attorney General, the president of the State Board of Higher Education, the UND athletic director and I met with the leadership of the NCAA.

“ It was clear then and it is clear now that if the referendum is passed in June, the University of North Dakota will remain under NCAA sanctions and that this will have a damaging effect on UND’s athletics teams, and will compromise recruitment, scheduling and UND’s relationship with other collegiate athletics programs.”

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from satellites. Zhang collected his award in Washington late last month.

• The University of North Dakota’s Intellectual Property Commercialization and Economic Development Office recently recognized 90 faculty and student inventors and innovators for invention disclosures, patent applications or patents, and licenses. Awardees included researchers focused on renewable energy, nanotechnology, atmospheric sciences and Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Valley City State University

• Representatives of the Bush Foundation’s Teacher Effectiveness Initiative visited VCSU as part of an annual review across the three campuses of the Valley Partnership (VCSU, NDSU, and MSUM). The visitors received an overview of VCSU’s STEM program, and VCSU students demonstrated STEM activities for elementary, technology, science and math teachers.

• VCSU and Dakota College at Bottineau completed an articulation agreement providing a path for students of DCB’s Associate in Applied Science in Information Technology to earn a Bachelor’s in Computer Information Systems from VCSU. Other collaborations between the campuses extend opportunities for students seeking Associate degrees and nursing degrees.

• Two senior administrators recently joined VCSU. Doug Dawes, Vice President of Business Affairs, brings finance, operations, capital budgets, HR, IT, facilities, and project management experience. Vitaliano Figueroa, Vice-President for Student Affairs, comes from the College of Southern Nevada where he was Director of Student Life, Leadership Development & College Conduct.

Williston State College

• In their first year, WSC’s men’s hockey team made a trip to the national tournament placing second. Women’s softball has also been added and will start fall 2012. The addition of these two sports in as many years will increase the level of entertainment and activities available to students and community.

• The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork School Report, a biannual report, was recently completed and received by WSC’s massage department. This report shows that 100% of WSC’s 2011 graduating massage class passed the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, far surpassing the national average of 70.9%.

• This March, WSC hosted ND’s first ever computer GED test. Since its introduction at WSC’s Adult Learning Center, GED tests on computer have been taken by a number of students with great results. This new method will allow for ease of access and instant results bringing the GED test into the 21st century.

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construction by the Foundation or other private entity of apartment units on the WSC campus to provide housing for WSC employees and employees of other state and local government entities and local hospital and clinic employees, and approve terms of lease agreement between WSC and the WSC Foundation.

Academic Consent Agenda

UND: Approval to offer a M.S. in Nutrition to be offered both traditionally and at a distance

Personnel Consent Agenda

UND: Approve UND request to award honorary doctorates to B. John Barry, U.S. Senator Kent Conrad, and Dr. Mary Wakefield