The Dec. 21, 2006, State Board of Higher Education meeting included review of Gov. John Hoeven’s 2007–09 executive budget recommendation and adoption of recommended adjustments to be presented to the Legislative Assembly.

Hoeven’s proposed 2007–09 budget includes an $82 million general fund increase for the North Dakota University System, excluding NDSU Extension and Research Centers. Of that amount, $52 million is allocated to base funding, and $30 million is allocated to one-time funding. The $82 million includes $13.5 million in direct state general fund appropriations for major capital projects, which historically have been bonded for, in part or in whole.

SBHE President John Q. Paulsen said he was pleased with the overall funding level Gov. John Hoeven proposed for the NDUS. “I do believe, however, that we should request the Legislature to make some refinements in the proposed budget, including recommendations to move some items from one-time funding to base funding. In doing so, I reiterate that I do not believe we should be requesting any additional funding above the $82 million amount recommended in Gov. Hoeven’s budget proposal.”

The 2007–09 budget request submitted by the board for the North Dakota University System included $63 million in increased base funding, which, when added to the system’s current base funding, was intended to be equivalent to 21 percent of projected 2007–09 state general fund spending. The 21 percent of general funds is the funding level recommended by private sector members of the Roundtable on Higher Education. The request also included $15 million in one-time funding requests and $25 million in state bonding for major capital projects for a total budget request of $103 million.

The NDUS will request that the Legislative Assembly shift $8.12 million included in the Executive Budget as one-time funding to permanent funding in support of capital facility needs, ConnectND and technology, consistent with the SBHE budget request. In addition, the SBHE will continue to advocate for a $2.7 million funding increase in the Career and Technical Education budget for workforce training. Taken together, these requested changes would move NDUS funding to its original $63 million base funding request.

**NDSA and SBHE: Supporting A Shared Message**

Members of the North Dakota Student Association and the State Board of Higher Education discussed shared goals for the 2007 legislative session at the November 2006 board meeting. Dubbed the “Green Ribbon Campaign,” NDSA leaders told the board about a student initiative created to motivate students, faculty, administration, staff and others interested in the benefits of higher education to support a minimum of 21 percent of state general funds for the North Dakota University System. NDSA and SBHE members committed to strengthening communication channels during the upcoming legislative session.

Among the NDSA members present were (left to right): Crystal Sistad, NDSU; Franklin Michael, NDSU; Sharlese Robertson, MiSU; Anne Miedema, VCSU; Adam Little, NDSU, and Robert Haskins, NDSA president and UND student.

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The Role of the SBHE
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Workforce Training
Business Plans Approved

FY 2007 workforce training annual business plans were approved by the State Board of Higher Education at its Nov. 9, 2006, meeting.

The plans were prepared by the four community colleges assigned primary responsibility for workforce training in North Dakota, including Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, North Dakota State College of Science and Williston State College. The private sector workforce training board in each region provided input on and approval of each plan prior to review by the College Technical Education Council. These plans meet the accountability requirements and other requirements established in Chapter 52-08.

Board Approves 2006–07 Objectives

At its Nov. 9, 2006, meeting, the State Board of Higher Education approved seven 2006–07 objectives to meet the three long-range goals established in 2005–06. These objectives are:

1. Continue to demonstrate the role of the University System in serving as a primary engine for enhancing the economic and social vitality of all areas of North Dakota
2. Develop and implement a highly successful legislative action plan
3. Develop and implement a plan to more aggressively address the demographic challenges facing North Dakota
4. Make meaningful progress on functioning as a unified system of higher education
5. Complete successful searches for presidents at BSC, MaSU and NDSCS
6. Complete successful searches for a chancellor and a vice chancellor for strategic planning for the North Dakota University System
7. Review presidential and chancellor contracts and develop criteria for establishing competitive and equitable salary levels and compensation packages for NDUS presidents and the chancellor

SBHE Approves Legislative Bill Drafts

Six 2007 legislative bill drafts were authorized for pre-filing by the State Board of Higher Education at the November 2006 board meeting. A brief description of each bill draft follows:

• A bill to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 18-02-07 of the NDCC related to cooperation of the state forester and other agencies on fire and forest protection
• A bill to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.4 of the NDCC related to confidentiality of trade secret, proprietary, commercial, and financial information
• A bill to amend and reenact section 54-53-02 of the NDCC to add representatives of two groups to the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute Advisory Council
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Emphasizing the Importance of Writing Skills

Beth Hurt, a DSU theatre and writing double major, was one of several students who spoke to the State Board of Higher Education at a Nov. 9 board meeting luncheon at DSU. Hurt told the board about some of the many ways her educational experience was enhanced by a trip DSU theatre arts students took to New York City. Other students told the board about DSU's many strengths and the unique educational opportunities it offers.

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Consent agenda items approved at the November and December 2006 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

**Academic Consent Agenda**
November
- DSU: Approve creation of the DSU Center at Sichuan International Studies University in Chongqing Peoples Republic of China
- NDSCS: Approve a program certificate in business management
- UND: Approve a title change from a B.S. with a major in graphic design to a B.S. in graphic design
- VCSU: Approve a program certificate in enterprise applications
- VCSU: Approve a program certificate in customer relationship management (CRM)

December
- BSC: Approve termination of an A.A.S. in commercial construction
- BSC: Approve an eligibility worker program certificate

**Financial and Facility Consent Agenda**
- MASU: Allocation of SBHE contingency and capital improvement emergency funds for search costs
- NDSU: Authorization to seek funding and develop plans for a proposed $4 million Dakota Coteau Field School in central North Dakota
- NDSU: Authorization to seek a deficiency appropriation of $55,500 for the North Dakota Forest Service to defray 2006 emergency wildland fire suppression expenditures
- NDSU: Approval of a $203,000 line item transfer related to construction of a wheat/bioproducts laboratory in the NDSU pilot plant
- NDSU: Approval to proceed with relocation of the College of Business to downtown Fargo in space purchased by the NDSU Foundation
- UND: Authorization to replace the elevators in Brannon and Selke Halls at an estimated cost of $266,000

**Personnel Consent Agenda**
- NDSU: Award an honorary doctor of laws to Russell F. Freeman

**Upcoming SBHE Meetings**
- Jan. 18, 2007  BSC
- March 15, 2007  BSC
Bismarck State College received final (Stage II) approval to offer an on-campus and online bachelor of applied science in energy management at the Nov. 9, 2006, State Board of Higher Education meeting.

The BAS request received preliminary (Stage I) approval in February. This approval was followed by additional discussions with the Academic Affairs Council, the chancellor, the Chancellor’s Cabinet and industry representatives. These discussions centered on whether or not addition of the BAS resulted in a mission change for BSC and whether or not an NDUS four-year institution was better positioned to offer the program. It was concluded that addition of the BAS would create a mission change specific to this program only, and that, because of BSC’s niche in energy-related programs, the college is uniquely positioned to offer the online BAS.

BSC has established a national reputation in delivering programs and training to the energy industry. The college will collaborate with Minot State University and Dickinson State University on general education and management courses.

BSC is the first community college in the state to offer a bachelor’s degree program. This approval does not authorize the college to offer other upper-division courses or other baccalaureate degrees.

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A summary of the North Dakota University System’s 2007 legislative agenda brochure is inserted in this issue of the SBHE Update.

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Bismarck State College

BSC successfully completed its presidential search in October when the SBHE hired Dr. Larry Skogen as the college’s sixth CEO. A native of Hettinger, Skogen is academic dean and deputy superintendent for academic affairs at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell. He begins at BSC on March 1.

Students employed in the nuclear power industry are the first graduates of BSC’s Nuclear Power Technology online program. Don Merhar of Richland, Wash., and Karla Sahl of Plymouth, Mass., started the program in January 2004 and received A.A.S. degrees after the 2006 summer session.

Lake Region State College

The Community College Foundation raised more than $50,000 at its 15th annual Key Event Opportunities Auction Oct. 27, which was the highest total in the history of the event. The Community College Foundation uses these funds to support the college’s scholarship program, athletic program, Paul Hoghaug Library and other special projects.

Minot State University

Yucel Yilmaz, rector of Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey, signed an exchange agreement with MiSU President David Fuller Oct. 24. MiSU is also developing faculty and student exchanges with institutions in China and Norway. To coordinate its international programs, the university recently hired Libby Clarebout as director.

MiSU senior Genevieve Binsfeld captured first place Nov. 18 at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Ky. It was her fourth All-American honor, including a second-place finish in 2005. By finishing within the top 30 at 27th-place, freshman Phoebe Garcia also earned All-American status.

North Dakota State University

Starting as the NAIA Region III athletic director of the year. During 2005 – 06, Ternes was the athletic director in charge of the football and wrestling portfolios in the conference.

On Nov. 6, DSU hosted the Animal Identification Systems Action Summit to examine ways animal identification technology can be used to improve the security of the nation’s food supply. Producers discussed how public policy and radio frequency identification (RFID) can change the way we trace, transport and collect information on livestock. Summit sponsors included U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, NDSU and the Red River Valley Research Corridor.

Dickinson State University

DSU and Voronezh State University in Russia recently signed an agreement to provide dual degree opportunities to VSU students. Under the agreement, a student who attends VSU for two to three years and matriculates to DSU for up to two years may earn a B.A. in business or political science from DSU, while also fulfilling VSU degree requirements.

Roger Ternes, athletic director, was chosen by his peers as the 2005 – 06 Dakota Athletic Conference athletic director of the year and by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Mayville State University

MaSU hosted “North Dakota: Heritage & Hope,” an event celebrating North Dakota Statehood Day on Nov. 2. The celebration featured presentations, debates and discussions that addressed the history and future all North Dakotans share. The finale for the day was a debate between North Dakota agriculture commissioner candidates Roger Johnson and Doug Goehring.

MiSU-Bottineau

A generous benefactor donated funding for a racquetball addition to Thatcher Hall. The $170,000 structure will be completed in December and ready for student use in Spring 2007.

North Dakota State College of Science

David Rydell, associate professor of automotive technology, was named
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the American Technical Education Association, Northern Plains Region, outstanding technical teacher at the regional conference held in October. The award recognizes a full-time postsecondary technical instructor from a five-state area. Rydell has taught at NDSCS since 1986.

The NDSCS viewbook – “Choose NDSCS” – received a silver medallion of achievement from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District V in September.

Jim Jacobson and Tim Such, auto body repair and refinishing faculty members, appeared in a September episode of the television program “Overhaulin.” Jacobson and Such spent 10 days on the set in August. Overhaulin’ is an auto restoration show in its fourth season on cable TV channel TLC.

North Dakota State University

NDSU has received an additional $1.48 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to develop a forensics laboratory that supports regional law enforcement agencies from nine states associated with the Midwest Forensic Resource Center.

Derek Killilea, professor of chemistry and molecular biology, and Robert Sparks, associate professor of chemistry and molecular biology, submitted the grant proposal.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology’s Archaeology Technologies Laboratory received the Heartland Pride Award from the Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau Oct. 3. The honor recognizes the department’s work in bringing the Computer Applications in Archaeology (CAA) conference to campus in April.

NDSU announced plans for two downtown Fargo structures recently purchased by the NDSU Development Foundation. The six-story Pioneer Mutual Life building will become home to the College of Business and the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. The two-story Lincoln National Life building will house the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

“On the Move to Better Health,” an NDsu Extension Service and Fargo Cass Public Health collaborative effort to combat childhood obesity, was named a National 4-H Program of Distinction. It also was selected to receive an Annie E. Casey Foundation Family Strengthening Award.

University of North Dakota

The UND Research Foundation broke ground for its $12 million, 50,000 sq. ft. research building in December. The Center for Life Sciences and Advanced Technologies will anchor the 19.5-acre Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park. The center received $3.5 million from Governor Hoeven’s Centers of Excellence for Economic Development program and $500,000 from the Grand Forks City Growth Fund.

UND was named to the first-ever U.S. President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for excellence in community engagement. UND is one of only 76 schools selected by the Carnegie Foundation for inclusion in its new community engagement classification, and one of only nine to make the Outreach and Partnerships Category.

Stardust, the first mission conducted by UND operating NASA’s DC-8 research aircraft, has been named the top astronomy story of the year by Astronomy magazine. Scientists aboard the DC-8 gathered data and captured imagery of the Stardust space capsule during its fiery reentry to Earth’s atmosphere Jan. 15, 2006.

Valley City State University

The National Research Center for College & University Admissions recognized the admissions features on VCSU’s Web site as being among the most highly rated in the country.

VCSU’s site was one of only 157 institutions that received an A rating in NRCCUA’s 8th Annual Enrollment Power Index, an analysis of the admissions Web sites of more than 3,000 post-secondary institutions.

VCSU received a $500,000 donation, its second such gift in 2006. Alumnus and hospitality industry entrepreneur Gary Tharaldson and his wife Connie made both gifts.

The VCSU Athletic Department and Facility Services are completing a renovation of the W.E. Osmun Fieldhouse. The renovation includes a newly remodeled lobby area, new porcelain tile, new bleachers and new flooring in the gymnasium. Other scheduled improvements include a Viking Hall of Fame room, permanent dugouts and a 35 ft. high scoreboard. Most of the enhancements were funded by private contributions from Gary and Connie Tharaldson.

The VCSU Foundation kicked off a new initiative to engage faculty and staff in the success of the university through participation with the foundation. After only two months of operation, 72 percent of the faculty and 39 percent of the staff have participated.

Williston State College

Kelly Heller, baseball coach, and the WSC baseball team were presented the Volunteer Achievement Award by North Dakota Community Action during a bi-annual conference this fall. The award recognizes two years of volunteer work distributing food to more than 200 elderly recipients of a supplemental commodity program.
