

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14-15, 2006
State College of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 - Meeting and budget tour of the State College of Science, 800 North Sixth Street, Wahpeton (The committee will begin its meeting in the Plains Prairie Room in the Student Center at the State College of Science. Legislators are encouraged to park around the oval in front of the building.)

STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE - BUDGET TOUR

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State College of Science regarding:
- An overview of the campus
 - Campus initiatives and programs, including information on unique and special interest programs and workforce education and training partnerships and programs
 - Campus responses to the following main themes that emerged from the June 2004 Higher Education Roundtable meeting:
 - Meeting the rapidly changing education and training needs of business and industry, including the need for enhanced soft skills development
 - Communicating and sustaining the vision of the Higher Education Roundtable within the campus and with public stakeholders
 - An analysis of current enrollment information, including information on the number of students served on campus versus the number of students served through distance education methods and information on short-term and long-term enrollment strategies and plans for responding to the demographic trends in North Dakota over the next 10 years
 - Funding challenges and opportunities for state investment, including information on centers of excellence
 - Status of any capital improvements for the 2005-07 biennium and anticipated 2007-09 capital improvement needs
- 10:30 a.m. Budget tour of State College of Science facilities
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon recess
- 12:00 noon Travel to North Dakota State University, 1300 North University, Fargo (The committee will meet in the Prairie Rose Room in the Memorial Union. Legislators are encouraged to park in the parking lot on the south side of the Memorial Union.)
- #### HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of MGT of America, Inc., of the final report for the higher education funding and accountability study
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by representatives of the State Board of Higher Education, institutions of higher education, and higher education students regarding the higher education funding and accountability study

- 3:45 p.m. Comments by representatives of the executive branch regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 4:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the higher education funding and accountability study
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

Wednesday, March 15, 2006 - Meeting and budget tour of North Dakota State University, 1300 North University, Fargo (The committee will begin its meeting in the Prairie Rose Room in the Memorial Union. Legislators are encouraged to park in the parking lot on the south side of the Memorial Union.)

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY - BUDGET TOUR

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- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Main Research Station and the North Dakota State University Extension Service regarding the status of the 2005-07 budget, major initiatives of the agency, and major plant improvement and other needs for the 2007-09 biennium

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System of a report regarding faculty written and verbal English proficiency

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY - BUDGET TOUR

- 11:20 a.m. Budget tour of North Dakota State University and Main Research Station facilities
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon recess

- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of budget tour of North Dakota State University and Main Research Station facilities
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Ray Holmberg (Chairman), Tim Flakoll, Tony Grindberg, Nicholas P. Hacker, Ed Kringstad, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, David O'Connell
Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Tom Brusegaard, Lois Delmore, Mary Ekstrom, Kathy Hawken, Nancy Johnson, Andrew G. Maragos, Bob Martinson, Darrell D. Nottestad, Mark S. Owens, Earl Rennerfeldt, Steven L. Zaiser