

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 3, 2000
Prairie Room, Student Union, Bismarck State College
1500 Edwards Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the August 10, 2000, meeting

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of bill drafts relating to the implementation of the Higher Education Roundtable recommendations that would:

- Provide a continuing appropriation for tuition income and allow institutions to carry over unspent general fund appropriations
- Amend North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-44.1-04 and 54-44.1-06 to allow the North Dakota University System to submit budget request information in the form of a "block grant" and receive a "block grant" appropriation
- Allow the State Board of Higher Education to approve construction of buildings and campus improvements that are financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests if the cost of the project is \$500,000 or less
- Amend North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1 to allow bonuses, cash incentive awards, and temporary salary adjustments for University System employees
- Amend North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-14.2, relating to higher education's strategic plan
- Amend and repeal certain statutes relating to powers of the State Board of Higher Education and duties and responsibilities of institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education

9:35 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the bill drafts relating to the implementation of the Higher Education Roundtable recommendations and the study of higher education funding

10:30 a.m. Committee discussion and consideration of the bill drafts relating to the implementation of the Higher Education Roundtable recommendations

11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative from the Information Technology Department of information regarding the status of the statewide information technology network and related costs

11:20 a.m. Committee comments and recommendations regarding the study of higher education funding

STUDY OF THE DIVISION OF INDEPENDENT STUDY

- 11:40 a.m. Committee discussion and recommendations regarding the study of the Division of Independent Study
- 11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the development of the committee's final report
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

BUDGET TOUR

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Bismarck State College regarding the college's programs, enrollment, status of the 1999-2001 biennium budget, status of the per credit tuition pilot project, and program changes and capital improvement needs for the 2001-03 biennium
- 1:30 p.m. Tour of Bismarck State College facilities
- 3:00 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the budget tour
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators David E. Nething (Chairman), Tim Flakoll, Tony Grindberg, Ray Holmberg, Ed Kringstad, Elroy N. Lindaas, Ken Solberg, Steve Tomac, Rich Wardner
 Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Al Carlson, Jack Dalrymple, Eliot Glassheim, Nancy Johnson, Myron Koppang, Ed Lloyd, Andrew G. Maragos, Bob Stefanowicz, Gerald O. Sveen, Janet Wentz