

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Legislative Council, at its September 8, 2005, meeting, selected MGT of America, Inc., as the consultant for conducting the higher education funding and accountability study provided for in Section 23 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2003. The following is a summary of the recommendations included in the final report for the higher education funding and accountability study completed by MGT of America, Inc.:

North Dakota University System accountability measures	<p>Establish benchmarks and goals for each measure</p> <p>Include data for each higher education institution in summary fashion in the University System annual performance and accountability report</p> <p>Reduce the number of accountability measures</p> <p>Once the number of accountability measures is reduced, retain those same measures for five or six years.</p> <p>Include a measure of faculty productivity that is appropriate for each institution</p>
North Dakota University System peer institutions	<p>Establish peer lists of no fewer than 15 institutions</p> <p>Use peer institutions as recommended by MGT of America, Inc., for the purposes of determining adequate funding levels for North Dakota higher education institutions. A listing of the peer institutions recommended by MGT of America, Inc., is attached as an appendix.</p>
North Dakota University System long-term financing plan	<p>Determine the count of students for the base funding component of the plan by using an average of the two most current years' fall enrollment--25 percent based on student headcount and 75 percent based on full-time equivalent students</p> <p>Use the peer institutions recommended by MGT of America, Inc., to update the peer funding comparisons. Keep the same set of peer institutions for at least two bienniums unless there are major changes that suggest a peer group may need revision.</p> <p>Update the data for the peer institutions by using the most current Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data available at the time the biennial budget request is prepared. Survey the peer institutions to collect current data on appropriations and net tuition revenues for agriculture programs to ensure that valid data is available to segregate these revenues at North Dakota State University.</p> <p>Revise the method of allocating parity and equity so that a minimum of 80 percent of the new funding is allocated to equity and 20 percent to parity. Further, allocate 20 percent of the parity dollars in inverse proportion to the percentage of peer funding so that institutions that are the furthest from peer funding would get the greatest relative parity increase.</p> <p>Increase state funding to the University System to reach a goal of 21 percent of the state general fund budget</p> <p>Establish more realistic targets for the percentage of peer funding</p>

HIGHER EDUCATION PEER INSTITUTIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MGT OF AMERICA, INC.

Institution	Recommended Peer Institutions	Institution	Recommended Peer Institutions
Bismarck State College	Athens Technical College Athens, Georgia Dekalb Technical College Clarkston, Georgia Marshalltown Community College Marshalltown, Iowa Lake Michigan College Benton Harbor, Michigan Lake Superior College Duluth, Minnesota Ridgewater College Willmar, Minnesota New Mexico Junior College Hobbs, New Mexico San Juan College Farmington, New Mexico SUNY College of Technology at Canton Canton, New York Reading Area Community College Reading, Pennsylvania Western Dakota Technical Institute Rapid City, South Dakota Texas State Technical College-Harlingen Harlingen, Texas Texas State Technical College-West Texas Sweetwater, Texas Lake Washington Technical College Kirkland, Washington Blackhawk Technical College Janesville, Wisconsin	Lake Region State College	West Liberty State College West Liberty, West Virginia South Arkansas Community College El Dorado, Arkansas Feather River Community College District Quincy, California Florida Keys Community College Key West, Florida Southwest Georgia Technical College Thomasville, Georgia Ivy Tech State College-Whitewater Whitewater, Indiana Northwest Iowa Community College Sheldon, Iowa Cecil Community College North East, Maryland Kirtland Community College Roscommon, Michigan West Shore Community College Scottville, Michigan Pine Technical College Pine City, Minnesota Brunswick Community College Supply, North Carolina Sampson Community College Clinton, North Carolina Clatsop Community College Astoria, Oregon Frank Phillips College Borger, Texas
Dickinson State University	California State University-Monterey Bay Monterey, California Indiana University-Kokomo Kokomo, Indiana Indiana University-East Richmond, Indiana Purdue University-North Central Campus Westville, Indiana University of Maine at Presque Isle Presque Isle, Maine Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts North Adams, Massachusetts University of Montana-Western Dillon, Montana Oklahoma Panhandle State University Goodwell, Oklahoma University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Bradford, Pennsylvania New College of Florida Sarasota, Florida University of Maine at Fort Kent Fort Kent, Maine Lyndon State College Lyndonville, Vermont Elizabeth City State University Elizabeth City, North Carolina Central State University Wilberforce, Ohio	Mayville State University	Paul D. Camp Community College Franklin, Virginia California State University-Monterey Bay Seaside, California New College of Florida Sarasota, Florida Indiana University-East Richmond, Indiana Purdue University-North Central Campus Westville, Indiana Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts North Adams, Massachusetts University of Maine at Fort Kent Fort Kent, Maine St. Mary's College of Maryland St. Mary's City, Maryland University of Minnesota Crookston Crookston, Minnesota University of Minnesota Morris Morris, Minnesota University of Montana-Western Dillon, Montana Elizabeth City State University Elizabeth City, North Carolina Central State University Wilberforce, Ohio Lyndon State College Lyndonville, Vermont

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Minot State University	University of Virginia's College at Wise Wise, Virginia	North Dakota State University	Frank Phillips College Berger, Texas		
	Virginia Military Institute Lexington, Virginia		University of Alaska Fairbanks Fairbanks, Alaska		
	Western Connecticut State University Danbury, Connecticut		University of Arkansas Main Campus Fayetteville, Arkansas		
	Eastern Connecticut State University Willimantic, Connecticut		University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut		
	Southern Arkansas University Main Campus Magnolia, Arkansas		University of Delaware Newark, Delaware		
	Georgia Southwestern State University Americus, Georgia		University of Idaho Moscow, Idaho		
	North Georgia College & State University Dahlonega, Georgia		Iowa State University Ames, Iowa		
	Kentucky State University Frankfort, Kentucky		University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky		
	Georgia College and State University Milledgeville, Georgia		University of Maine Orono, Maine		
	Bemidji State University Bemidji, Minnesota		University of Nevada-Reno Reno, Nevada		
	Northwest Missouri State University Maryville, Nebraska		University of Nebraska at Lincoln Lincoln, Nebraska		
	Chadron State College Chadron, Nebraska		University of Rhode Island Kingston, Rhode Island		
	Western New Mexico University Silver City, New Mexico		Clemson University Clemson, South Carolina		
	New Jersey City University New Jersey City, New Jersey		University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee		
	Eastern New Mexico University Portales, New Mexico		University of Vermont Burlington, Vermont		
	New Mexico Highlands University Las Vegas, New Mexico		University of Wyoming Laramie, Wyoming		
	Minot State University - Bottineau		Cheyney University of Pennsylvania Cheyney, Pennsylvania	State College of Science	Naugatuck Valley Community College Waterbury, Connecticut
			Rich Mountain Community College Mena, Arkansas		Indian Hills Community College Ottumwa, Iowa
			South Arkansas Community College El Dorado, Arkansas		Northwest Iowa Community College Sheldon, Iowa
			Feather River Community College District Quincy, California		Washtenaw Community College Ann Arbor, Michigan
Lamar Community College Lamar, Colorado		Anoka Technical College Anoka, Minnesota			
Quinebaug Valley Community College Danielson, Connecticut		Hennepin Technical College Brooklyn, Minnesota			
Garrett College McHenry, Maryland		Linn State Technical College Linn, Missouri			
Pine Technical College Pine City, Minnesota		Great Basin College Elko, Nevada			
Rainy River Community College International Falls, Minnesota		SUNY College of Technology at Alfred Alfred, New York			
Miles Community College Miles City, Montana		Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee Okmulgee, Oklahoma			
Martin Community College Williamston, North Carolina		Clackamas Community College Oregon City, Oregon			
Pamlico Community College Grantsboro, North Carolina		Mt. Hood Community College Gresham, Oregon			
Mesalands Community College Tucumcari, New Mexico		Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Lancaster, Pennsylvania			
New Mexico State University-Grants Grants, New Mexico		Texas State Technical College-Waco Waco, Texas			
Clatsop Community College Astoria, Oregon		Eastern Wyoming College Torrington, Wyoming			

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University of North Dakota	University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama University of Hawaii at Manoa Honolulu, Hawaii University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, Illinois University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky University of Louisville Louisville, Kentucky University of Missouri-Kansas City Kansas City, Missouri University of Nevada-Reno Reno, Nevada SUNY at Buffalo Buffalo, New York University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, North Carolina Wright State University Dayton, Ohio University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah University of Vermont and State Agricultural College Burlington, Vermont University of Virginia-Main Campus Charlottesville, Virginia		Southern Arkansas University Tech Camden, Arkansas Feather River Community College District Quincy, California Marshalltown Community College Marshalltown, Iowa Highland Community College Freeport, Illinois West Shore Community College Scottville, Michigan Itasca Community College Grand Rapids, Minnesota North Central Missouri College Trenton, Missouri Miles Community College Miles City, Montana Western Nebraska Community College Scottsbluff, Nebraska New Mexico State University-Carlsbad Carlsbad, New Mexico McDowell Technical Community College Marion, North Carolina Southwestern Oregon Community College Coos Bay, Oregon University of Pittsburgh-Titusville Titusville, Pennsylvania Northwest Community College Powell, Wyoming
Valley City State University	California State University-Monterey Bay Monterey, California Western State College of Colorado Gunnison, Colorado New College of Florida Sarasota, Florida Lewis-Clark State College Lewiston, Idaho Purdue University-North Central Westville, Indiana University of Maine at Presque Isle Presque Isle, Maine Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts North Adams, Massachusetts University of Minnesota Morris Morris, Minnesota Elizabeth City State University Elizabeth City, North Carolina Winston-Salem State University Winston-Salem, North Carolina Central State University Wilberforce, Ohio Oklahoma Panhandle State University Goodwell, Oklahoma University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Bradford, Pennsylvania Texas A&M University at Galveston Galveston, Texas Lyndon State College Lyndonville, Vermont		
Williston State College	Northeast Alabama Community College Rainsville, Alabama		