

ND STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes—September 26-27, 2002

Williston, ND

The State Board of Higher Education met September 26-27, 2002, in Stevens Hall Room 216 on the campus of Williston State College. The Board president called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members present:

Mr. Chuck Stroup, President	Mrs. Sue Andrews
Dr. Richard Kunkel, Vice President	Mr. Josh Askvig
Mrs. Beverly Clayburgh	Mr. James Grijalva, Faculty Advisor
Mr. Bruce I. Christianson	

Members absent:

Mr. Ralph Kingsbury

Presidents, campus deans, and campus representatives present:

Dr. Wayne Boekes, BSC	Dr. John Richman, NDSCS
Dr. Lee Vickers, DSU	Dr. Joe Chapman, NDSU
Drs. Gary Hagen and Les Wong, MaSU/VCSU	Dr. Charles Kupchella, UND
Dr. Erik Shaar, MiSU	Dr. Joe McCann, WSC

Staff members present:

Larry A. Isaak, Chancellor
Laura Glatt, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs
Michel Hillman, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debra Anderson, Public Affairs Director
Sheila Tibke, SBHE Administrative Secretary/Financial Aid Assistant

Senator Lyson and Representative Rennerfeldt attended portions of the meeting.

Minutes

It was moved by Clayburgh, seconded by Kunkel, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 20-21, 2002, July 18-19, 2002, and August 15, 2002, meetings as distributed.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stroup reported that the position description for the MaSU president has been drafted and a timetable has been set.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Isaak asked if there were any questions on the report he sent to the SBHE members prior to the meeting. He also reported that fall 2002 enrollments have been tabulated. Systemwide headcount enrollment is 39,614, which is an increase of 5.4 percent over fall 2001 enrollment. The FTE's increased 4.2 percent systemwide.

The Arts & Humanities Summit will be held October 6-8, 2002, at UND. The Council of College Faculties annual meeting will be held the afternoon of October 6, 2002. Chancellor Isaak encouraged Board members to attend the Summit.

Chancellor Isaak briefed the SBHE on a CD-ROM the Bank of North Dakota (BND) is producing titled "College Connection Center." It will be distributed both in- and out-of state at no cost to the NDUS. It talks about all NDUS campuses, the financial aid process, etc. This project dovetails closely with Project Vital Link. **It was moved** by Clayburgh, seconded by Andrews, to adopt a resolution in support of and appreciation for the efforts of the BND as a partner in making this important contribution to the NDUS. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Chancellor Isaak reported on a meeting with Senator Nething and Representatives Svedjan and Timm to discuss discontinuing some ad hoc reports for the Budget Section in light of the new, agreed-upon accountability measures. He said that most of the information in the ad hoc reports will be covered in the accountability measures. These three legislators agreed that the accountability measures reports be used as the basis for reporting on capital projects and local funds. The legislators also indicated that during the upcoming appropriations hearings, they would be requesting a presentation on the accountability measures to both the Senate and House Appropriation Committees.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Chris Frost, ND Student Association (NDSA) president, reported the NDSA is looking at the need for additional funds for the operation of the Student Association. Since the students are more active now than they have been in the past, their expenses have increased. The NDSA may approach the SBHE in the future to request a student fee increase.

Mr. Frost and Mr. Chris Hammon, NDSA lobbyist, presented resolutions from the NDSA in opposition to Initiated Measure 3 and encouraging the SBHE to place state funding for completion of *ConnectND* high on their priority funding list.

COUNCIL OF COLLEGE FACULTIES REPORT

Mr. Grijalva said the CCF will make appointments of faculty members to serve as a liaison to SBHE members in October 2002. Other issues the CCF will work on in the up-coming year

include the legislative session, building on the SBHE/CCF relationship, and continuing policy development and redevelopment.

BOARD BUSINESS AND SPECIAL REPORTS

Legislative Priorities and Talking Points

Chancellor Isaak presented the 2003 legislative priorities and talking points. He reported that the Chancellor's Cabinet has reviewed and recommends SBHE approval. The purpose of the documents is to articulate Board and system priorities. The three main priorities are:

1. Retain "flexibility with accountability" by re-enacting 2001 legislation as permanent law.
2. Support the SBHE's needs-based budget request which is consistent with the long-term finance plan.
3. Maintain at least 21 percent of the State general funds budget for higher education.

President Stroup suggested adding to bullet 2, "continually evaluate the merit and benefit of accountability measures." Following review, **it was moved** by Christianson, seconded by Askvig, to approve the draft 2003 legislative session priorities and talking points with the suggested change. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

WSC Mission Statement

Dr. McCann and Mr. Wayne Berry, associate professor of agriculture and chair of strategic planning committee, presented Williston State College's mission statement and mission, vision, and values.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve the **Williston State College** mission statement. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Exhibit A.

Research Corridor

Drs. Chapman and Kupchella provided the SBHE with an update and draft of the research corridor proposal. Senator Byron Dorgan initiated the concept of a Red River Valley Research Corridor. This proposal would use UND and NDSU as the anchors collaborating with all NDUS institutions, public and private institutions, government, business, and industry to expand the capacity to engage in high-level funded research development and commercialization of science and technology along the Red River Valley. Future plans would include Manitoba and South Dakota. A research and development commercialization showcase is being planned for December 2002.

Following review, discussion, and suggested changes, **it was moved** by Kunkel, seconded by Askvig, to approve the Red River Valley Research Corridor in concept. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Expertise Resource Inventory

Dr. Hillman presented a progress report and timeline for the expertise resource inventory. He said there is general consensus that utilizing a commercial, well established and proven data base, which has capabilities beyond simply listing the experts on a campus, is preferred over a “home-grown” system. Dr. Hillman said initial findings suggest the Community of Science database is the premier product in the marketplace and has the greatest longevity. He said there are three options in purchasing this software package: 1) the expertise database, 2) access to inquiring about funding options, and, 3) combination of options 1 and 2 that includes automated notification of available grants. The option being considered for the NDUS is to make option 3 available to all campuses; but each campus could select the option that interests them the most. Dr. Hillman said the public would not have access to the database; rather, they would need to contact a designated person or department at one of the NDUS campuses to conduct the research in the database.

Dr. Hillman reported it would cost \$70,000 per year for all eleven campuses to participate in option 3. He said there is some funding in the EPSCoR budget for a database that may be available through a partnership. The SBHE allocated \$45,000 for the database.

November 15, 2002, is the target date to start obtaining and begin implementing the system.

It was moved by Clayburgh, seconded by Kunkel, to adopt the following resolution.

The SBHE instructs the chancellor to ask the governor to consider allocating \$50,000 per biennium in department of commerce funds towards the expertise resource inventory to connect the NDUS with the private sector.

Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

ConnectND

Ms. Glatt provided an update on *ConnectND*. The financial system is in configuration testing.

The human resource module is still in the configuration stage. One of the issues they are working on is when and how to issue payroll checks. The module team is proposing semi-monthly rather than monthly payroll with a lag. The Cabinet has discussed this issue and some concerns were raised with the lag time. The Cabinet feels it is important to work with the State to develop a common payroll schedule if possible. NDUS officials will be meeting with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to discuss this issue further. Payroll is scheduled to go live at MaSU and VCSU in April 2003, with the proposed payroll schedule change made in July 2003. All other campuses would convert in July 2004. President Stroup said a payroll lag makes sense to produce an accurate payroll and to reduce re-work.

Recruitment and admission modules are in the training stage at MaSU and VCSU and are scheduled to go live in the first part of October 2002 at these campuses. It has been decided that the database will be hosted in-house rather than at Maximus. No decision has been made where

the database will be housed, but it is likely to be shared between the NDUS and state government.

Ms. Glatt reported that she attended a meeting with the Information Technology Department, OMB, and bond counsel to discuss the bonding needed to fund *ConnectND*.

Ms. Glatt also reported that the Cabinet approved a special pay component to reward employees involved in implementing *ConnectND*. Many of these employees are working very long, hard hours, sometimes seven days a week for several weeks in a row to keep the project on schedule.

The project is currently on budget and on time.

Stage I Program Requests

Dr. Hillman presented the following Stage I program requests approved by the Chancellor for comment by the SBHE. No concerns were expressed. There was discussion on the need for reporting the Stage I requests to the SBHE. President Stroup said if no concerns are raised in the next couple of months on these requests, they no longer need to be presented to the SBHE.

Stage I requests approved by the Chancellor include:

- An A.A.S. in Information Management-Accounting Technician at MiSU-BC to be delivered via IVN and off-campus to MiSU
- A Bachelors of Applied Science in Technology at DSU to be delivered on-campus; off-campus to Bismarck, Williston, and Dickinson, and via IVN
- An A.S. with emphasis in Developmental Disabilities at MiSU to be delivered on-line over NDUSO
- A Bachelors minor in Logistics Management at NDSU to be delivered on-campus, via IVN, and off-campus in Fargo
- A Bachelors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at NDSU to be delivered on-campus
- A Certificate Program in Clinical Laboratory Science Management at UND to be delivered on-line to Grand Forks and Rochester, MN
- A Certificate Program in Geographic Information Science at UND to be delivered on-campus
- A Bachelors in Professional Communications at VCSU to be delivered via IVN, on-line, and off-campus

BOARD POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS

SBHE Policies

It was moved by Clayburgh, seconded by Andrews, to approve introduction and first reading of **SBHE Policy 506.1 – Immunizations; TB Testing**. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Exhibit B.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Andrews, to approve introduction and first reading of the following **SBHE Policies**.

- **340.1 – State Forester**
- **902.3 – Requests for Construction, Renovation and Remodeling; Annual Reports**
- **902.5 – Construction Process - Architectural Plan Specifications**
- **902.6 – Architects, Engineer, and Construction Manager Contracts and Fees**
- **902.9 – Construction Process - Change Orders; Changes in Project Size or Scope**
- **909 – Real Property Leases**
- **1901.1 – Contract Programs/Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry (delete policy)**
- **509 – Professional Student Exchange Programs (new policy)**
- **1911 – Recycling Program (delete policy)**
- **1912 – Public Records**

Following discussion and suggestions for change before second reading and final adoption, Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Exhibit C.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve second reading and final passage of the following **SBHE Policies**. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Exhibit D.

- **803.1 – Purchasing Procedures**
- **804.1 – Tax Exempt Bond Issues and Lease Purchase Financing**
- **805.1 – Tuition**
- **805.2 – Student Activity Fees**
- **805.3.1 – Distance Learning Courses**
- **809.2 – Gift Funds**
- **840 – Contract Review**

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Kunkel, to approve second reading and final passage of **SBHE Policy 804 – Leasing Policy**. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Exhibit D.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Kunkel, to approve introduction and first reading, waive the requirement of a second reading, and immediately approve second reading and adoption of **NDUS Human Resource Policy 6.3 – Annual Leave**. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Exhibit E.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve the following major capital project requests. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

- Authorize **North Dakota State University** to proceed with remodeling of the Residence Dining Center. Estimated Cost is \$1,185,000. Source of funding from the Dining Services repair and replacement fund.

- Approve energy cost savings projects at the **University of North Dakota** and **North Dakota State University** and authorize them to request legislative approval.

CONSENT AGENDAS

Academic Consent Agenda

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the following academic consent agenda items. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

- Authorization for **Bismarck State College** to proceed with fund raising efforts for the proposed new Career & Technology Institute to house a Workforce Training Center, a Higher Education Center, and a National Energy Technology Training and Education Center.
- Approval to terminate the following Associate Degree programs at **ND State College of Science**:
Accounting
Graphic Arts Technology
Science Technology
- Approval for **ND State College of Science** to offer an Associate of Applied Science program in Practical Nursing at the Skills and Technology Center in Fargo
- Approval for **North Dakota State University** to expand the minor to include a major, a master's degree, and a doctorate in Emergency Management.
- Approval for **North Dakota State University** to offer the Master of Music and the Bachelor of Music.
- Approval for a Bachelor of Science program in Sports and Urban Turfgrass Management at **North Dakota State University**.
- Approval for **North Dakota State University** to offer a new program major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
- Approval for **North Dakota State University** to offer a new masters and doctoral program in Environment and Conservation Sciences.
- Approval for the **University of North Dakota** to offer a new program of study – Graduate Certificate Program in Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
- Approval for the **University of North Dakota** to offer a new program of study – Minor in Chinese Studies: Culture and Business

- Approval for the **University of North Dakota** to offer a new program of study – Minor in Information Systems

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Andrews, to approve a Master’s degree in Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science with two options: Nutrition and Exercise Science at **North Dakota State University**. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Financial and Facility Consent Agenda

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve the following financial and facility consent agenda items. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

- A joint powers agreement concerning **Bismarck State College** and the Bismarck Community Bowl. Exhibit F.
- Authorization for **ND State College of Science** to purchase five acres of land adjacent to campus for \$17,000. Source of funds is from local funds. (This request was amended later in the meeting.)
- Ratification of the action of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs in permitting **North Dakota State University** to seek Budget Section authorization to increase the budget for the Carrington Research Extension Center Feed Mill from \$300,000 to \$310,000 and also, to award the contracts for the project. Included in SB2021 and approved by the Budget Section August 22, 2002. Source of funding is from special funds (beefline initiative-oil revenues, indirect cost, other).
- Ratification of the action of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs in permitting **North Dakota State University** to seek Budget Section authorization to increase the budget for the Minard Hall Addition from \$3,000,000 to \$3,400,000 and, also to award contracts for the project. Included in SB2023 and approved by the Budget Section August 22, 2002. Source of funding is from local funds (a combination of telecommunications, indirect costs, and auxiliary reserves – housing, bookstore, dining services).
- Authorize **North Dakota State University** to proceed with office and laboratory renovation in the lower level of Sudro Hall. Estimated cost is \$265,000. Source of funding provided from the College of Pharmacy local funds.
- Authorize **North Dakota State University** to proceed with a proposed upgrade to the Bailey Control System at the NDSU Heating Plant. Estimated cost is \$150,000. Source of funding provided from the 2001 state facility energy improvement program for complex wide use (\$20,000), local steam sales (\$22,500), and utility carryover/savings from FY02 (\$107,500).

- Authorize **North Dakota State University** to proceed with the construction of an Equipment Storage Shed at the NDAES Main Station Farms. Estimated cost is \$90,000. Source of funding from NDAES capital improvement funds. Included in the 2002 campus master plan update.
- Permit the **University of North Dakota** to proceed with renovations within Gamble Hall. Estimated cost is \$250,000. Source of funding is gift funds from alumnus.
- Approval to increase the **University of North Dakota** program fees paid by students in the anesthesia specialization program to \$1,000 per academic term (fall, spring, and summer) effective fall 2003.
- Approve the revised 2003-2005 major capital project priority list to increase the project amounts for **Valley City State University** Graichen Gymnasium to \$785,300 and for **ND State College of Science** Horton Hall to \$4,100,000

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Kunkel, to permanently allocate up to \$15,000 to the NDUS office for the payment of the FY2002 NDUS consolidated financial statement preparation fee per the contract with Eide Bailly.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Andrews, to amend the motion to life of the contract and not permanently. Following clarification of the request from Ms. Glatt, Mr. Christianson revised his motion to a two-year period rather than life of the contract. Ms. Andrews approved the revision. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The amendment carried.

On the amended motion, Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

It was moved by Kunkel, seconded by Askvig, to permit **Minot State University** to rename the auditorium in Old Main to the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Dr. Richmond stated that the cost for NDSCS to purchase five acres of land adjacent to campus is \$20,000 not \$17,000 as stated on the request. **It was moved** by Clayburgh, seconded by Andrews, to reconsider the NDSCS request to purchase five acres of land adjacent to campus. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to amend the motion to \$20,000. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The amendment carried.

On the amended motion, Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The amended motion carried.

Personnel Consent Agenda

It was moved by Andrews, seconded by Kunkel, to approve tenure at **North Dakota State University** for Dr. Bor Z. Jang and Dr. Margaret Mary Mooney. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

MAJOR POLICY DISCUSSIONS

Youth Investment Initiative

Mr. Mac Schneider, proponent, and Mr. Tom D. Kelsch, opponent, expressed their views about the youth initiative measure. This initiative will be on the November 2002 general election ballot as measure 3.

“This initiated measure would create a Bank of North Dakota administered program providing for partial reimbursement of student loan payments for employed North Dakota residents under thirty years of age who have graduated from accredited post-secondary schools. Reimbursement would be limited to \$1,000 per eligible resident per year for not more than five years. The measure would also provide an income tax credit of up to \$1,000 for employed North Dakota residents from twenty-one through twenty-nine years of age, for up to five years.”

Ms. Pam Sharp, OMB, provided some budget estimates, per biennium, should this measure pass. The State’s estimated cost to fund this initiative is \$55-70 million. The loss of income tax revenue is projected to be \$22 million. In addition, assuming the current number of students stay in ND and that 80% of students taking out students loans graduate, the BND would have an additional \$48 million in spending. She expressed opposition to the proposal.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, that the SBHE oppose the youth initiative measure and direct the chancellor to prepare a resolution. Ms. Glatt, responding to a question from a SBHE member, said that if the NDUS would be responsible for the \$70 million estimated cost of this initiative, tuition would need to be increased \$450 per year in 2003-2005. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Enrollment Management/Service Plan

Dr. Hillman presented the draft enrollment management/service plan prepared in response to SB 2003. He reported the Cabinet and enrollment management/service task force have reviewed the draft plan and their changes have been incorporated into the draft dated September 20, 2002. The draft plan was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Kunkel, task force chair, said the task force will consider suggested changes at the next meeting and a final plan will be presented to the SBHE in November 2002 for approval.

NDUS Belief Statements/Core Values

President Stroup presented the beliefs and core values of the NDUS for review. Chancellor Isaak reported that the Cabinet has adopted a mission statement and core values that embraces those of the NDUS. Chancellor Isaak also informed the SBHE of two changes to the NDUS core values that the Cabinet suggested: 1) reword bullet two to read, “Open, honest, forthright, and mutually respectful in discussion and action” and 2) add a new bullet, “Support and embrace diversity.”

Following discussion, **it was moved** by Askvig, seconded by Kunkel, to incorporate the Cabinet changes to the core values. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

2002-2003 Board Objectives

Chancellor Isaak presented proposed SBHE objectives for 2002-2003. These objectives were drafted from the long-range goals and action plans; discussions at the Board professional development, June Roundtable meeting, and the SBHE and Cabinet retreats; and the Board self-assessment facilitated by Mr. Dennis Jones. He said that some of the objectives are carried over from 2001-2002. Chancellor Isaak reported that the Cabinet has reviewed and supports these objectives.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve the 2002-2003 Board objectives. Following review and discussion Andrews, Askvig, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. Christianson was absent. The motion carried. The Board objectives approved are:

- 1-1 Continue implementation of long-term financing plan and resource allocation mechanism for the NDUS.
- 1-2 Prepare the December 2002 accountability report and begin to obtain data for the December 2003 accountability report.
- 1-3 Identify and pursue the discontinuation of reports and data-collection practices which can be terminated as a result of the accountability measures identified and agreed to by the Roundtable.
- 2-1 Create a culture consistent with the Roundtable expectations which encourages flexibility with accountability, responsiveness, and risk-taking.
- 2-2 Support implementation of the *ConnectND* project.
- 2-3 Clarify roles and responsibilities of the Board, system office, and campuses consistent with the Roundtable recommendations of flexibility with accountability and empowerment.
- 3-1 Assure the plans developed by the campuses are, and continue to be, aligned with the cornerstones and expectations of the Roundtable.
- 3-2 Be a change agent and provide leadership as a valued partner with the private and public sectors in creating high-value jobs and growing the working-age population of North Dakota.
- 3-3 Develop and implement an enrollment management/service plan for the NDUS.
- 4-1 Evaluate the feasibility and recommend “higher education centers” on some or all NDUS campuses.
- 4-2 Complete planning and implement learning centers (within 45-minute access proposed by the Roundtable) as necessary to assure the capacities of the NDUS are accessible throughout the state.
- 4-3 Identify and remove barriers and provide incentives and tools to facilitate collaboration among University System campuses and tribal and private colleges in the delivery of courses, programs, and services.
- 5-1 Ensure the annual meeting of the Roundtable is convened prior to June 30, 2003, and that the Roundtable continues to be a major force in achieving the vision, expectations, and accountability measures developed by the Roundtable.

- 5-2 Provide testimony, information, and assistance, where appropriate, to the 2003 Legislative Assembly and promote the SBHE budget request, the flexibility with accountability legislation, and other issues impacting the North Dakota University System.

Chancellor's and Presidents' 2002-2003 Objectives

The SBHE reviewed the Chancellor's and presidents' proposed objectives for 2002-2003. **It was moved** by Andrews, seconded by Askvig, to approve the Chancellor's and presidents' objectives for 2002-2003 as presented. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Youth Investment Initiative continued

In response to the motion adopted earlier in the meeting, the SBHE reviewed a resolution stating the SBHE's opposition to the youth initiative measure. **It was moved** by Christianson, seconded by Askvig, to adopt the following resolution. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Whereas, the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) has heard testimony from proponents and opponents of the Youth Initiative Measure and has discussed the Measure's impact on North Dakota and the North Dakota University System (NDUS); and

Whereas, currently 60 percent of North Dakota students who graduate from an NDUS institution already remain in the state one year after graduation; and

Whereas, the Measure will result in a reduction in general fund revenues and require general fund spending on a new program, reducing the amount of state funds available for state colleges and universities including student financial aid, thereby making it more difficult to achieve the goals of the Roundtable on Higher Education; and

Whereas, increases in tuition and fees for all students will be required to make up for reduced state funding making it more difficult for many North Dakotans to attend college; and

Whereas, the SBHE believes the estimated cost of this Measure should be focused on investments which result in high-paying jobs and expanded employment opportunities for college graduates; and

Whereas, there does not appear to be clearly researched data to suggest that this proposal addresses the root problem and will result in the achieved outcome of retaining North Dakota's young people in the state for one, two or five years and beyond because it does not create additional job opportunities; and

Whereas, the North Dakota Student Association, which represents students from all 11 campuses – those most directly impacted by this Measure – has voted overwhelmingly to oppose the Measure; and

Whereas, the SBHE and NDUS have been strongly encouraged by the Roundtable on Higher Education to provide high-quality instruction, training, research and services to prepare students for the workforce; to provide broad, affordable access to all of North Dakota; and, to serve as a primary engine in North Dakota's economic development; and

Whereas, the Roundtable on Higher Education said, “The NDUS should be viewed as one of the primary vehicles for growing the state’s population and as a major contributor to the creation of new wealth;” and

Whereas, a better public policy is to provide affordable, high-quality public higher education to attract students and business opportunities and to make North Dakota a desirable place to live and work by providing good paying jobs and a safe and secure environment; therefore

The SBHE concludes that Measure 3 would not be in the long-term best interest of, or good public policy for, North Dakota and, therefore, opposes the measure and encourages North Dakotans to vote against it on the November 2002 general election ballot.

2012 Perspective

New SBHE members Andrews, Askvig, and Christianson gave their perspectives of what the NDUS will look like in the year 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vocational Technical Education/Public School Board, Education Standards and Practices Board, and SBHE will meet jointly at the State Capitol October 21, 2002. Following that meeting, the State Board of Higher Education will meet at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck.

REVIEW OF BOARD MEETING

Mr. Christianson questioned the continuance of tours of campus major capital needs at SBHE meetings. President Stroup said policy states that the SBHE must prioritize capital projects. These tours do inform Board members of the condition of campus buildings and saves Board members time reading the massive documents on capital priorities. Tours of campus major capital needs is scheduled for discussion at a future meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Board recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Community and business leaders from the Williston area met with the Board, NDUS staff, and campus presidents to discuss how the university system can enhance the economic development of the Williston region.

The Board recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened September 27, 2002, at 7:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST MEETING

Board members met for breakfast in the Stevens Hall Green Room with leaders from student government, staff senate, and faculty senate.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT TOUR

Board members toured the Health Science and Sports Complex building site, the diesel technology department, chemistry lab, and library.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.