

ND State Board of Higher Education
Minutes—March 20-21, 2003
Bismarck, ND

The State Board of Higher Education met March 20-21, 2003, in the Student Union Prairie Room on the campus of Bismarck State College. The Board president called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CT. Members present:

Mr. Chuck Stroup, President	Mr. Ralph Kingsbury
Dr. Richard Kunkel	Ms. Pamela Kostelecky
Ms. Sue Andrews	Mr. Josh Askvig
Mr. Bruce I. Christianson	Mr. James Grijalva, Faculty Advisor
Ms. Beverly Clayburgh	

Presidents, campus deans, and campus representatives present:

Dr. Donna Thigpen, BSC	Dr. Sharon Hart, NDSCS
Dr. Lee Vickers, DSU	Dr. Craig Schnell, NDSU
Corry Kenner, LRSC	Dr. Charles Kupchella, UND
Dr. Gary Hagen, MaSU	Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU
Dr. Dick Jenkins, MiSU	Dr. Joe McCann, WSC
Dr. Ken Grosz, MiSU-BC	

Staff members present:

Larry A. Isaak, Chancellor
Laura Glatt, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs
Michel Hillman, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Eddie Dunn, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning/Executive Director CTEC
H.P. Seaworth, General Counsel/Executive Secretary
Debra Anderson, Public Affairs Director
Sheila Tibke, SBHE Administrative Secretary/Financial Aid Assistant
Rebecca Duben, Secretary

Minutes

It was moved by Askvig seconded by Andrews, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 17, January 30-31 and February 26, 2003, meeting as distributed.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stroup:

- ♦ asked the staff to bring back to the SBHE recommendations for changes to the major capital planning and priority setting process.

- shared an article from the Chronicle entitled “The Disappearing State in Public Higher Education.”
- discussed the Education Program Report and refining the program approval process
Mr. Stroup indicated he will appoint a committee to:
 - Review the Education Report with the consultants
 - Consider the questions posed by the consultants
 - Take testimony from campuses on program requests
 - Consider the process for the review of future program requests
 - Forward recommendations to the Board
- discussed board member involvement in legislative issues.

CHANCELLOR’ S REPORT

Chancellor Isaak:

- reported on the new economy initiative and concerns about funding and staffing. The bill passed by the House states that there shall be no new state funding for the new economy initiative.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Chris Frost, North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) president reported:

- that on March 6, NDSA had its own higher education day in the State Capitol. Seven out of eleven colleges participated.
- that NDSA will be visiting with legislators about their concerns on the House plan for financing ConnectND.
 1. NDSA is disappointed in the changes made by the legislature to the Governor’s proposed internship program. They will be visiting with legislators about this as well.
- invited everyone to Lake Region for an NDSA meeting at 7 p.m.
- reported that this will be his last board meeting and said that it has been a pleasure, privilege, and honor working with everyone

COUNCIL OF COLLEGE FACULTIES REPORT

Mr. Grijalva:

- reminded the Board members that this meeting typically is the one where the Council of College Faculty meets with the Board. Due to the session, it was decided to postpone the meeting so the Board could spend time on legislative matters. He said a fall meeting seems to make more sense since it coincides with the beginning, rather than the end, of the academic year. The CCF will forward a recommendation to the SBHE.
- reported that at the last meeting of CCF the long-term finance plan was discussed and that the Council will be inviting Ms. Glatt to a future meeting to discuss the plan.

- was pleased to see that the Board continues to ask the legislature for funding to support the cost to continue, health insurance increases and salary cost of living adjustments for the 2003-05 biennium.
- reported on upcoming CCF officer elections.

BOARD BUSINESS AND SPECIAL REPORTS

ConnectND Update

President Thigpen reported that ConnectND is on time and budget; open issues have been successfully resolved. The project team has put in tremendous time and work over the course of the last year and they are to be commended. In response to a question, President Thigpen said a decision has been made to operate the data centers in ND rather than outsourcing them to Maximus. ITD will operate one center for HR and Finance. The NDUS will operate another center for student records. Both centers will be fully operational shortly.

Ms. Glatt reported that the NDUS is on-schedule for the live rollout in April at the two pilot sites. Board members requested a live demonstration of the project at a future meeting.

Ms. Glatt provided a financial update to the Board on the project. She said that no decisions are required at this meeting, but the SBHE will be asked to set the ConnectND fee for the 03-04 academic year in May. Ms. Glatt said the project budget has been updated to reflect the actions taken by the House on ConnectND funding and also to reflect better cost estimates, now one year into the project. She said the House changes have created an additional project cost that was not anticipated one year ago. Under the House proposal, the NDUS would have to repay \$4.2 million of the \$7.5 million appropriated in 01-03, even though this was not ever discussed as part of the 01-03 appropriation process. In addition, all of the cost of issuance on the bonding would shift to the NDUS, thereby, increasing the NDUS project costs. Based upon the House plan and updated budget estimates, Ms. Glatt said that the student fee of \$42 per semester would likely not decrease in either the short-term or long-term.

1. In addition, she reported that ancillary system software (parking, housing, ID cards and physical plant) replacement was not part of the original ConnectND project. However, these systems must be replaced or the NDUS must continue to run the current legacy systems. Savings from discontinuing operation of the legacy system would be severely impacted and the ability to use this funding to support the new system would be limited. The Cabinet will be discussing a funding plan for replacement of these systems.

Mr. Kingsbury asked staff to develop a resolution for Board consideration expressing the Board's strong concern about the inequity in the ConnectND funding plan as passed by the House.

Questions on Stage I Program Requests

President Stroup raised the question why the Sykes Student Success Center is on the Stage I proposal. Ms. Thigpen commented that anything that has the word “center” attached to it has to come to the board for approval. No questions were raised on Stage I Program requests.

HTMLeZ Consultant Report

Dr. Hillman presented background on the HTMLeZ report. There had been talk of HTMLeZ in legislative committees and there was some feeling that if this product were used system wide there would be savings of up to \$2 million and that could be cut from the NDUS budget. The board requested an external assessment of HTMLeZ and its capabilities. The Board motion allocated \$25,000 in Board initiatives funds for the study. It wasn't necessary to use these funds because \$25,000 was available in the North Dakota University System Online budget. Drs. Hillman and Larson worked with Mr. Henry Borysewicz, UND Aerospace, on a request for proposals for the HTMLeZ report. The winning proposal came from CEO Praxis, Inc. & The Center for Business & Technology-University of Minnesota, Crookston. An Analysis and Evaluation of HTMLeZ was distributed.

Dr. Delore Zimmerman, Director of CEO Praxis, gave an overview of the report's methodology, including:

1. Examination of the HTMLeZ source code, database structure and documentation and the organization's relationship with third-party software and enterprise platform providers.
2. The completion of the EduTools LCMS evaluation tool whereby HTMLeZ is compared with WebCT, Blackboard, eCollege and an open source LCMS developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
3. Field-testing of HTMLeZ with university students, including vision impaired students.
4. Examination of HTMLeZ's ability to interface with the PeopleSoft platform, including discussions with personnel from ConnectND.

Dr. Zimmerman reported that HTMLeZ's greatest strength is its ease of use, which is particularly important for the content developer who is not technically oriented and whose primary concern is to convert their instructional material to a digital format. Also, since there is no intermediary in the content creation process HTMLeZ is well suited for the content developer who wants to maximize control of his/her ideas and proprietary instructional content.

The analysis and evaluation of the functionality and features of HTMLeZ indicates that to accomplish the development HTMLeZ as an enterprise class LCMS work is need in the following key area:

- internal and external documentation
- user authentication and permission systems
- adherence to e-learning standards
- integration with PeopleSoft

- implementation failover and clustering measures to improve hardware system redundancy
- service delivery and support enhancements

Overall, at its present stage of development HTMLeZ could not serve as a single enterprise class LCMS for the NDUS. Given further development it could, however, play a valuable role as part of a hybrid multi-LCMS configuration to serve the e-learning needs of the NDUS.

The report suggests NDUS should continue to develop and refine the multi-LCMS “hybrid” model that currently exists within the 11-school system (i.e. WebCT, Blackboard, eCollege and HTMLeZ). Also, the NDUS role should be to facilitate e-learning throughout the NDUS system.

Dr. Zimmerman reported that product development leading to the development of an enterprise-class LCMS is estimated to require two years and a \$1.3 million investment; adding sales and marketing costs and other business expenditures will require a total of approximately \$3 million over a three-year period. UND Aerospace and the UND Aerospace Foundation do not currently have the financial resources in hand to cover these commercialization cost but previous experience demonstrates that they have the capacity to acquire that level of resources for commercialization.

Mr. Borysewicz provided a report on how to make HTMLeZ more competitive. The objectives are to:

- Provide a locally developed alternative to expensive commercial software
- Help stabilize cost while maintaining local control of quality
- Increase ND’s ability to create these types of products in the future
- Develop economic potential of University sponsored research
- Secure endorsement and financial support of the SBHE and NDUS

Mr. Borysewicz stated that it will require \$350,000 per year to enable UND Aerospace to make HTMLeZ available system-wide as an alternative to other products.

It was moved by Kunkel, seconded by Kingsbury, to have the staff draft a resolution on HTMLeZ on which direction the Board should proceed. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

MAJOR POLICY DISCUSSIONS

Legislative Update

Mr. Seaworth presented an overview of the Status Report on SBHE Bills as of March 12, 2003.

Chancellor Isaak reported on SB2119 which redefines “accredited private institution” under the state grant program and makes students at private for-profit institutions eligible for grants. Without additional funding, the number of grants to students attending public

colleges and universities would be reduced. The Senate passed the bill and it is now in the House Education Committee.

Sustaining Roundtable Resolution

Chancellor Isaak presented a statement relating to sustaining roundtable momentum and adequate funding resulting from discussion at the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting on March 19, 2003.

**Statement of the State Board of Higher Education
on
Sustaining Roundtable Momentum & Adequate Funding**

March 20, 2003

The State Board of Higher Education, the chancellor and college and university presidents firmly believe North Dakota's best hope for a brighter future is its university system. The University System and each of the institutions have made phenomenal progress in implementing the system's strategic plan and meeting the ambitious expectations conveyed in the *Roundtable Report*. Campus visits by the interim higher education committee during 2001-2003, along with the 2001 and 2002 annual accountability measures reports, provide irrefutable evidence of higher education's accomplishments.

The institutions and the system are fulfilling the goal and the expectations outlined by the 61 public and private sector leaders who drafted the *Roundtable Report* and the 2001 Legislative Assembly that enacted it into legislation.

Higher education is a driving force behind economic development in the information economy era. The University System impacts North Dakota's economy in many ways, including bringing in out-of-state students, generating millions of dollars in external grant and research funds, and generating an educated workforce. Economists, governors and public policy makers throughout the nation and private sector leaders throughout North Dakota confirm the fact that colleges and universities are the most valuable means for creating stronger economies.

Our colleges and universities are poised to sustain this momentum and grow the state's economy. The State Board of Higher Education has a strategic plan and a long-range finance plan to meet these objectives. The legislature is struggling to identify adequate means to fund higher education in a manner necessary to meet these objectives. We appreciate the difficulty of this task. This is not the time to declare a moratorium on the spirit and accomplishments of the roundtable. Rather, we must stay the course. We must aggressively support and promote a concerted investment in North Dakota's future with the utmost urgency.

The legislative Roundtable on Higher Education was based on the firm conviction that the four major stakeholders – the executive branch, the legislative branch, the private sector and the University System – must be fully engaged if the expectations of the roundtable are to be realized.

We realize the current economic situation requires the colleges and universities to continue to make strategic internal reallocations, pursue enrollment goals and increase tuition as necessary. University System institutions are on track in this regard.

We strongly encourage the legislature to invest in the future, thereby enabling the institutions to sustain the present momentum and grow North Dakota's economy.

More specifically, we request the legislature:

- Restore the funding which was removed by the House
- Provide equitable funding for the NDUS share of *ConnectND* and
- Maintain maximum campus flexibility

This is a critical time in defining North Dakota's future. The situation requires immediate action. Stemming out-migration and reversing negative economic trends must be addressed aggressively. Consequently, we call on all key partners – public and private – to step forward and provide the bold leadership necessary to invest in the future of our state and to reverse economic and demographic trends. North Dakota's future depends on our collective efforts and demonstrated leadership to sustain the vision of the Roundtable on Higher Education.

It was moved by Kingsbury, seconded by Andrews, to approve the Statement of the SBHE on Sustaining Roundtable Momentum & Adequate Funding. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. This statement will be distributed to the Governor, Legislative Assembly, Members of the Roundtable, and the Greater North Dakota Association.

President Stroup recognized Senator Robinson from Valley City and welcomed him.

Preliminary Success II Reports

Dr. Hagen reported on the curricular activity at Mayville State University. The Task Force for Curricular Differentiation was created by Dr. Olscamp, Interim President of Mayville State University to respond to the Success II report and to satisfy the specific request of the Chancellor for a report on Curricular Differentiation. The Task Force was chaired by Dr. Gary Hagen and its membership included Laurie Berry, Kathy Champion, Brian Grove, Terry Kemmer, Brian Krzmarzick, Pam Kowalski, and Jay Tschetter.

President Olscamp presented the committee with a seven-item charge.

1. Identify courses that are offered infrequently.
2. Identify all courses that are low enrollment
3. Identify ways to reduce our general education hours from 39 to 36.
4. Identify ways in which the hours we require for the bachelor's degree could be reduced from 128 to 120.
5. Identify ways in which any major we have which exceeds the average number of hours required by the other state schools in the same major can be reduced to that average or lower.
6. Suggest ways that the 252 hours of independent studies courses and 63 hours of arranged courses taught last year can be reduced. (faculty load issue)
7. Describe the resources, human, temporal, and financial, which could be freed for use elsewhere by dropping the courses identified in 1) through 5), and to develop a rationale for dropping those courses.

Responding to a question from President Stroup, Mr. Hagen stated Mayville is shifting from traditional majors to new niche programs and non-traditional delivery as follows:

- ✓ The operational Bachelor of Applied Science degrees in Business Administration and Computer Information Systems will add flexibility and creativity for students interested in entrepreneurship.
- ✓ New technology degrees, like a Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Applications.
- ✓ A new type of Early Childhood program would begin studying children at birth and explore all the ramifications of the very early years.

The Curricular Differentiation exercise has freed \$235,450 for reallocation. This includes \$200,200 of reallocation and the elimination of another \$35,250 of adjunct salaries. It has reduced faculty load, and simplified the advising process. Of the 312 courses offered at MaSU, 69 (22% of total) are being dropped. Another 10 courses (3%) have been reduced in hours. Five new classes are being proposed. Students will have easier access to required classes and the need for independent study and arranged classes will be greatly reduced. Class scheduling should be much easier to manage as well.

Dr. Hagen reported Mayville is seeing an evolution towards new niches built on historic strengths and faculty expertise. The new majors in BAS, technology, and Early Childhood are new opportunities that draw from current talents. MaSU is evolving in to a highly technical, professional, niche oriented campus.

Dr. Chaffee presented the Board members with a plaque of VCSU's awards to show appreciation for their support. She then presented a report that responded to a June 2002 motion approved by the SBHE that VCSU provide a report on curricular focus by March 31, 2003; the report is titled "Vital Link."

Ms. Chaffee reported a few of the following ideas are underway or nearly so, but most of them are possibilities that are under discussion because they have attracted great interest at Valley City State University during the past year:

- A national online technology education program
- Camp Cyber Prairie
- A Center for science, technology, and engineering literacy
- Electronic portfolio development
- Portfolio Manger profit potential
- A major in digital arts and design
- A center for digital arts and design
- A center for community development through technology
- Serve K-12 educators, improve K-12 schools
- Regional strategic plan
- ConnectND pilot site for advance academic management systems
- New major in music management, minor in English language learning
- Non-state revenue sources
- Salaries, benefits, and environment for faculty and staff
- Reorganizing and renaming

Dr. Chaffee stated VCSU can realize the proposed mission and vision without additional state funding, but not without Board encouragement. In the short term, VCSU requests that the Board approve the proposed new mission statement. VCSU also requests that the Board provide maximum institutional flexibility for tuition and salary decisions for next year and beyond. Also, to fulfill its teacher education mission in light of current realities and help meet the needs of ND, VCSU needs authority to offer graduate courses and workshops in areas of strength and in collaboration with graduate universities.

President Stroup asked Dr. Chaffee what are the three areas of greatest risk for the University. Three areas of greatest risk for VCSU would be:

1. National online technology program
2. Graduate authority
3. Failure to recognize measurement by enrollment

Report on Centers of Excellence

Dr. Lee Vickers presented recommended purposes and criteria for Centers of Excellence drafted by a subcommittee made up of Drs. Chapman, Vickers, Kupchella, Thigpen, Hillman and Mr. Dunn:

**PURPOSES AND CRITERIA
FOR
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA**

MARCH 20, 2003

Purposes of Centers of Excellence:

- Promote growth and expansion of knowledge-based industries
- Create more and better paying employment opportunities
- Develop new products, high-tech companies and skilled jobs
- Advance the state's economy
- Address the urgency of the depopulation crisis
- Use academic and research excellence capacity to support economic development

Components and Results:

The Centers of Excellence may focus on the following components and provide measurable and relevant results:

- Create private sector jobs
- Involves public/private sector partnerships
- Leverage other funding
- Stimulate new wealth
- Foster and practice entrepreneurship
- Link to New Economy Initiative clusters
- Grow North Dakota's economy
- Address depopulation and related issues
- Represent major efforts – intended to fund projects in the range of \$1 million each

Suggested language for Engrossed HB1003, Section 18, Competitive Research – Centers for Excellence:

“...and \$2,000,000 for public private partnership research/economic development efforts that will have a positive, long term, measurable impact on the state's economy and gross state product and may include the following components: Creates private sector jobs; includes public/private sector partnerships; leverages other funding; Stimulates new wealth; fosters and practices entrepreneurship; links to the New Economy Initiative Clusters; grows North Dakota's economy; addresses depopulation; supports bold aggressive initiatives; and represents major efforts – intended to fund projects in the range of a million dollars each.”

Funding for Centers of Excellence is viewed as the beginning of a critical investment in North Dakota's future. The centers will make every effort to produce short-term results; however, in many cases it will take several years to demonstrate significant results.

Additional Conclusions:

- It is strongly recommended that funding for the centers of excellence be provided for in the University System budget and not funded through another agency.

It was moved by Andrews, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve the Purposes and Criteria for Centers of Excellence in ND with the change of “will” to “may” under the heading “Components and Results”. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Board Policy Manual Revisions

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

- Introduction and first reading of SBHE Human Resource Policy 6.2 – Annual Leave Exhibit A
- Introduction and first reading of SBHE Policy 409 – Degrees Offered Exhibit B

Policy 805.2

Mr. Askvig said he asked for this proposed policy to be placed on the agenda on behalf of the North Dakota Student Association. Dr. Hillman, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, presented an overview of the chancellor’s cabinet discussion on the proposed policy. He said the NDSA is recognized in the state constitution as the body that forwards nominations to the governor for appointment of a student to the board. He said the cabinet believes there should be more direct links in the membership of NDSA to the individual campus student government bodies. Also, he said there were questions about the proposed budget. He said the cabinet recommends that the governance issue be reviewed by NDSA prior to the Board approving the fee.

Mr. Chris Frost, NDSA president and Mr. Phil Leitner, NDSA treasurer, made a presentation on behalf of the NDSA to approve the fee. They said they would agree to review the governance of the NDSA but ask the board to approve the fee at this time so there would be better funding available for the NDSA to perform its functions including this review. Mr. Christianson said he believes the students should have adequate funding available now, but that they should also address the concerns that have been raised. He said the NDSA has provided good input to the board on many issues. Mr. Stroup said he had indicated his concern regarding governance a week previously while visiting with Mr. Askvig. He said that fair and equitable representation was a concern to him and that it should be addressed prior to any authorization.

It was moved by Christianson, seconded by Askvig, to approve introduction and first reading of amended policy 805.2, waive the requirement of a second meeting, and immediately approve second reading and final action on amended Policy 805.2, with the stipulation that the NDSA report back to the board within one year on its review and actions on the concerns expressed by the cabinet and board members, especially the concerns relating to the governance and membership issues and the link to campus student governing bodies.

Mr. Stroup suggested a compromise that presidents could provide funding to NDSA for a year from non-state dollars and no board action would be necessary at this time. He said this would enable the NDSA to consider governance issues and then the board may more favorably accept authorizing the fee at that time.

After further discussion, Mr. Christianson called for the question. Following objection, **it was moved** by Christianson, seconded by Kingsbury, to call the question. Andrews, Christianson and Kingsbury voted aye. Askvig, Clayburgh, Kostelecky, Kunkel and Stroup voted no. The motion failed.

Mr. Stroup said he has heard from some legislators expressing concern about the membership of NDSA and its relationship to campus student governing bodies and whether the NDSA represents the views of campus student governments. There was further discussion. Askvig then called for the previous question. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky and Kunkel voted in favor of the motion. Stroup voted no. The motion carried. Exhibit C

Major Capital Project Requests

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

- Permission for NDSU to seek Emergency Commission approval to extend NDSU's rain-related line of credit (\$12,500,000) for the 2003-2005 biennium with the Bank of ND.
- Authorization for UND to seek Emergency Commission approval to extend the UND line of credit authorization with the Bank of North Dakota at a level of \$3,600,000 to pay expenses incurred by UND as a result of the spring of 1997 flood disaster and only as documented by a Damage Survey Report (DSR) pending with or approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); that the line of credit cannot be used to cover the cost of enhancements or modifications beyond those listed on the DSR; that the line of credit be repaid as reimbursement is received from FEMA and/or insurance carriers; and that the line of credit only be drawn upon as funds are needed to pay contractors.

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

- Authorization for UND to proceed with change in project scope for the proposed Wellness Center/Athletic Complex. Further allow UND to amend the 2003-2005 biennial budget request currently before the 2003 legislative session to accommodate the change in scope.

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

- Authorization for UND to approve construction of an addition to the Ralph Engelstad Arena on state-owned land currently leased by Arena Construction, Inc. should such construction be required. Further request authorization to include this request within the 2003-2005 biennial budget currently before the 2003 Legislative Assembly.

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

- Authorization for UND to include the purchase of real property within the 2003-2005 biennial budget currently before the 2003 Legislative session. Estimated cost is \$1.2 million. Source of funding will be from the housing reserves currently available.

Consent Agendas

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

- New program approval for DSU to change the following concentrations with the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to the status of minor programs.
 - Accounting
 - Agri-Business
 - Banking and Finance
 - Management
 - Management Information Systems
 - Manufacturing Technology
 - Marketing
 - Office Administration
 - Organization Psychology
- Approval for UND to offer a new certificate program of study: Non-Profit Leadership Certificate.
 - Approval for UND to offer the following new programs:
 - Master of Environmental Management in Earth System Science and Policy
 - Master of Science in Earth System Science and Policy
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Science and Policy
- Approval for UND to offer a new program of study: Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Managerial Finance & Corporate Accounting.
- Permission for UND to terminate the following program of study: Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Accounting.

Financial and Facility Consent Agenda

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

- Permission for NDSU to change the scope of and increase the project authorization amount for the electrical engineering roof replacements project to \$176,000. Permission to proceed was given January 17, 2002. Source of funding is the 2001-2003 capital assets appropriation.
- Permission for NDSU to proceed with parking lot improvements planned for the summer of 2003. Estimated cost is \$500,000. Source of funding will be from the parking revenue account (parking permit sales) used for campus parking lot repairs and replacements.
- Permission for NDSU to increase the Memorial Union Varsity Mart Bookstore HVAC system upgrade spending authorization from \$150,000 to \$175,000. Permission to proceed was given January 17, 2002. Source of funding for the additional \$25,000 will be the Varsity Mart reserve account.
- Authorize UND to proceed with replacement of the exterior siding on the “Gallery” apartment building complex. Estimated cost is \$165,000. Source of funding from current housing reserves budgeted for plant improvements.

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

- Permission for UND to name the auditorium in the University Health Facility on the UND campus in Grand Forks for State Senator Evan Lips of Bismarck.

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

- Two honorary degrees at MiSU, for Mr. James C. Jenson and Ms. Helen Haaland
- Honorary degree at MiSU-BC, for Senator Kent Conrad

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

- Honorary degree at NDSCS, for Mr. Edward Werre
- Two honorary degrees at NDSU, for Dr. Ian B. Edward and Mr. Michael E. Hanson
- Honorary degree at UND, for Dr. Robert A. Kyle

No Child Left Behind

Dr. Hillman presented a “No Child Left Behind” draft resolution:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education encourages North Dakota to:

- 1) embrace the No Child Left Behind requirements of an academic major or major equivalent or other demonstration of competency for teachers to be considered highly qualified,
- 2) extend the academic major equivalent requirement to all subject areas except where a very compelling case can be made that not having this requirement will not diminish from quality instruction,
- 3) require new elementary and secondary teachers to demonstrate competency,
and
- 4) implement the highly qualified teacher requirements by the 2006 deadline.

Several Board members stated that they have learned a lot about No Child Left Behind from previous meetings and that they do not see a need for this particular resolution at this time.

Draft Resolution of HTMLeZ

It was moved by Kingsbury, seconded by Clayburgh, to approve the following draft resolution on HTMLeZ. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

Resolution on HTMLeZ

The State Board of Higher Education commends UND Aerospace and the HTMLeZ development team for the development of HTMLeZ. The Board asks the system and its campuses to work with the HTMLeZ development team to explore additional uses for HTMLeZ within the system. The Board also encourages UND Aerospace to develop a comprehensive business plan, including fee structure, and work with the Center for Innovation on a plan to further develop and market HTMLeZ. The Board urges UND Aerospace to review and accept the recommendations of the CEO Praxis report, including formation of a regional consortium “to pursue further development and testing of a next generation HTMLeZ LCMS.” The Board would like an update on HTMLeZ progress from the development team during the next year.

SBHE Resolution on Funding for ConnectND

It was moved by Clayburgh, seconded by Andrews, to approve the following SBHE Resolution on Funding for ConnectND. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried.

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION RESOLUTION ON FUNDING FOR CONNECTND
March 20, 2003

Whereas, the SBHE continues to support continuation of ConnectND to replace out-dated administrative systems;

Whereas, new administrative systems are necessary to allow our campuses to remain regionally and nationally competitive in attracting students;

Whereas, the SBHE and North Dakota Student Association, approximately one year ago, in good faith, supported a student fee to pay the NDUS share of the cost of ConnectND with the understanding that the state would not be able to provide adequate state funding for the entire state-wide project;

Whereas, the House of Representatives in Engrossed HB1022 has now provided state funding for the state agency share of the cost of the project, but not for the NDUS' share of the cost;

Whereas, the House action has resulted in a change to the original funding partnership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the SBHE requests that the ND Legislative Assembly provide equitable funding for the NDUS's share of the ConnectND project.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Stroup opened the floor for nominations for president. Mr. Christianson nominated Dr. Kunkel for president. **It was moved** by Christianson, seconded by Clayburgh, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Kunkel. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye.

The motion carried. Dr. Kunkel was elected president and will assume that office on July 1.

President Stroup opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Ms. Andrews nominated to Mr. Christianson for vice president. **It was moved** by Askvig, seconded by Kunkel, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Christianson. Andrews, Askvig, Christianson, Clayburgh, Kingsbury, Kostelecky, Kunkel, and Stroup voted aye. The motion carried. Mr. Christianson was elected vice president, to take office July 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Kingsbury addressed the Board on two items. The first item pertained to a recent article in the Bismarck Tribune regarding the importance of a sufficient number of graduates in the vocational technical program areas to meet the current and growing demand for such graduates. Kingsbury stated that vocational programs tend to be high-cost programs but it was important for the SBHE to look at how to assure these programs continue and remain strong. He also commented that responding to this growing need will be important in meeting the University System's commitment to its Roundtable partners in helping grow the economy of North Dakota.

Also, Mr. Kingsbury proposed that each Board member be equipped with a laptop to minimize the cost of postage and paper. The agenda and materials would be sent via email and be accessible online. Chancellor Isaak stated that a report would be produced to show the time and investment needed; it will be presented at a future board meeting.

CAMPUS WOW REPORTS

BSC- BSC learned in February 2003 that \$400,000 in federal funds was earmarked for the college's energy training programs. BSC will receive the funds through the U.S. Department of Labor. The college currently trains more than 300 students per year in three energy-related programs through online and on-campus courses.

DSU- DSU will welcome three international dignitaries to campus. His excellency ambassador Kostyantya Gryshchenko, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Ukraine, on April 22; the honorable Kyu-ho Choo, consulate general of the Republic of Korea, on April 4; and noted Afghanistan speaker Fauzia Sharifi Assifi on April 17. All three speakers will address the campus on issues of current global importance. The appearances are part of Global Awareness Month activities on campus.

MaSU- Two MaSU students have opened Powered-Ink in the Traill County Technology Center, a business incubator and office center on the MaSU campus. Powered-Ink will

focus on serving the region's small businesses and assisting with technology needs, including Web site development and hosting.

MiSU- On March 3, MiSU was notified it will receive \$2.6 million in federal funding this year for five projects: rural law enforcement training, rural methamphetamine awareness and prevention, vehicle pursuit training, the Job Corps executive management program and the rural communications disabilities program.

MiSU-BC- MiSU-BC has begun six new certificate of completion sequences, all in the information technology sequences. They are:

- Microcomputer technician
- Operating Systems
- Office Applications
- CISCO networking
- Web technician
- SUN Microsystems

NDSCS- NDSCS welcomed a delegation of five Russian library information managers as part of the Open World Program, which operates from the Library of Congress. The five lived for a week with host families in the Wahpeton, N.D., area and visited numerous libraries, agencies and organizations in Wahpeton, Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks.

NDSU- NDSU and MeritCare Health System will team up to host "Get Your Hands on Healthcare" April 7. The event will feature a live surgical Web cast and hands-on activities for high school and university students as they explore career opportunities in health-related fields in the local area.

UND- The University of North Dakota and North Dakota Public Radio have signed an agreement to keep locally produced public radio on the air in Grand Forks. Citing prohibitive costs, UND earlier had announced it was shutting down KFJM AM and FM, formerly known as "Northern Lights Public Radio." The deal is being cited as an example of the partnering that is crucial if the community and state are to prosper in difficult times.

VCSU- Heartland Products Inc. of Valley City, N.D., the manufacturer of Botanic Gold, an organic soap, has awarded the VCSU Biology Department a small research grant. The research project will be incorporated into a microbiology course; students will design and perform experiments on Botanic Gold as part of their lab experience.

WSU- WSC has been selected to participate in a new phase of the Rural Community College Initiative. The RCCI effort, funded by the Ford Foundation since 1993, encourages community colleges to establish sustained programs that simultaneously:

- Increase access to postsecondary education for traditionally underserved populations and
- Foster economic development in rural areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings

May 8-9, 2003-NDSU

June 26-27, 2003-MiSU-BC

July 17-18, 2003-undetermined

President Stroup appointed the following committee to handle the review of the program approval process: Christianson, Clayburgh, Andrews, Kingsbury and Grijalva.

Mr. Christianson thanked BSC and Dr. Thigpen for the use of their facilities and also Dr. Chaffee for the plaque.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT TOUR

Dr. Thigpen gave a tour of Bismarck State College.

The meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened March 21, 2003, at United Tribes Technical College at 8:30 a.m. CT.

UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Board members, Tribal College presidents and other representatives of the Tribal Colleges met for breakfast and discussion at United Tribes Technical College.

President Stroup called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. UTTC president, Dave Gibb, presented the following agenda items:

- ✓ Affirmative action
- ✓ Financing of Non-Indian students
- ✓ Collaborative & Partnerships
- ✓ Science, Math & Technology needs
- ✓ Agricultural Sciences and Land Grant Programs
- ✓ Business and Economic Development strategies
- ✓ Participation as a user group in state staff/faculty benefit programs

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. CT.