

# Legislative Review

**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
The Vital Link to a Brighter Future

*A Look at Higher Education in Week 8: Feb. 21–23, 2007*

## SCR 4027 Heard by Senate Education

**SCR 4027**, a concurrent resolution that would direct Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of BSC becoming a four-year, baccalaureate-degree institution was heard in the Senate Education Committee Feb. 21.

In written testimony, SBHE President John Q. Paulsen said the board is not opposed to a study regarding BSC, but believes, if a study is done, it should be part of a comprehensive review of state higher education needs and how the North Dakota University System can better meet those needs. Paulsen was not available to testify because of an SBHE meeting to select an MaSU president.

Paulsen described ways in which NDUS four-year institutions are meeting the need for baccalaureate programs in the Bismarck-Mandan area. He also described unmet program needs in other areas of the state, such as the need for technical and vocational programs in Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Dickinson and other cities that do not have community colleges. He also said a study of this nature would not be complete without consideration of the costs and adequate funding for all institutions.

The committee did not take action on the resolution.

**Monday,  
Feb. 26**

**Study  
resolutions  
and proposed  
constitutional  
amendments  
must be  
reported out  
of committee**

## SBHE Opposes HCR 3019

**HCR 3019**, a concurrent resolution that would delegate some SBHE responsibilities to the NDUS chancellor, was heard in the House Constitutional Revision Committee Feb. 21. In written testimony, SBHE President John Q. Paulsen said the board opposes the resolution because it would delegate too much authority to one person, the chancellor. Paulsen said he believes the people of North Dakota are best served by the sharing of these tremendous responsibilities by members of the board, as is specified in the initiated constitutional measure adopted by the people in 1938. Paulsen was not available to testify because of an SBHE meeting to select an MaSU president.

The committee decided to continue the hearing Jan. 26 to consider amendments resolution sponsor Rep. Eliot Glassheim said he plans to submit.

## Senate Appropriations to Hear NDUS Budget

***HB 1003**, the NDUS appropriations bill, will be heard by the*

*Senate Appropriations*

*Committee Feb. 27. Individual institution and the NDUS Office*

*hearings begin Feb. 27 and*

*continue through March 1.*

## House I, B & L Hears IT Planning and Reporting Bill

The House Industry, Business and Labor Committee heard testimony Feb. 21 on **SB 2037**, an interim IT Committee bill that recommended changes to IT planning and reporting.

Laura Glatt, NDUS vice chancellor for administrative affairs, testified that the University System supports SB 2037, although there are some unreconciled differences between reporting requirements included in SB 2037 and **HB 1461**.

Should both bills pass, Glatt said HB 1461 is likely to take precedence since it adds a new section to state statute instead of amending current statute as does SB 2037. She requested that, if the Senate does not pass HB 1461, the committee consider amending the reporting requirements in SB 2037 to be consistent with language in HB 1461.

The committee has not yet taken action on the bill.

## CTE Budget Bill Heard

**HB 1019**, the Career and Technical Education budget bill, was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee Feb. 21.

Dale Knutson, director of the North Dakota Workforce Training System, testified in support of the bill, which includes workforce training's base funding of \$1.35 million. Knutson provided an overview of the tremendous successes of the workforce training system since its inception in 2000, but underscored the need for additional funding to meet the growing demands of the business community.

Knutson also said **SB 2249** includes \$2.65 million to be divided among the four workforce training quadrants. He encouraged the committee to approve both sources of funding in order to facilitate an even more effective long-term statewide workforce training strategy.

## On the Week Nine Agenda

**SB 2023 Mon., Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m., H-APPR:** Relates to the full committee deficiency appropriation

**HB 1030 Mon., Feb. 26, 2 p.m., S-APPR:** Relates to higher education institutions special revenue funds

**HB 1031 Mon., Feb. 26, 2 p.m., S-APPR:** Relates to NDUS budget requests and block grant appropriations

**HB 1032 Mon, Feb. 26, 2 p.m., S-APPR:** Relates to NDUS cancellation of unexpended appropriations

**HCR 3019 Mon., Feb. 26, 3 p.m., H-CON:** Relates to a concurrent resolution relating to the state board of higher education

**HB 1461 Mon, Feb. 26, 3:45 p.m., S-APPR:** Assigns management of information technology for the NDUS to the SBHE

**HB 1003 Tue., Feb. 27, 8 a.m., S-APPR:** Relates to the NDUS appropriation bill

**SB 2249 Tue., Feb. 27, 10 a.m., H-EDU:** Provides appropriations to the state board of career and technical education for higher education curriculum design and development and a workforce training grant program

**HB 1395 Wed., Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m., S-EDU:** Provides financial assistance to tribally controlled community colleges

**HB 1099 Wed., Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m., S-JUD:** Relates to confidentiality of trade secret, proprietary, commercial and financial information

**SB 2276 Wed., Feb. 28, 2 p.m., H-HUMSER:** Provides duties for the prevention and advisory council

**HB 1020 Wed., Feb. 28, 3:15 p.m., S-APPR:** Relates to the Northern Crops Institute

**SB 2047 Thurs., March 1, 8 a.m., H-GVA:** Relates to automatic enrollment of employees in the deferred compensation program