



Hoeven signs \$633 million higher education funding bill at MSU

Gov. John Hoeven was joined by legislators and campus and university system officials at Minot State University April 30 to sign House Bill 1003, the higher education budget bill, which increases funding for the system by \$89 million. The bill raises the higher education budget to \$633 million, with a 23 percent increase in state funding, and limits tuition increases for the next two years.



“For the first time ever, we are funding the needs-based budget of Higher Education at the level requested by the board,” Hoeven said. “This legislation, which includes a range of new grant, assistance and savings programs for students and families, will help hold the line on tuition increases and keep the cost of a college education in North Dakota affordable.”

“The legislation keeps tuition increases at all North Dakota University System institutions at no more than 5 percent each year for each year of the biennium. Also included in the bill was funding for raises at an average

of 5 percent each year for university employees, including faculty and staff.

The bill was closely watched by MSU officials because it contained funding for two key building projects – renovation of Swain Hall and repair of the MSU Dome floor. President David Fuller and Vice President for Administration and Finance Ron Dorn had testified a number of times during the Legislative session about the need for appropriated funding for salary increases and MSU capital projects.

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Minot State University to confer degrees

President David Fuller will confer more than 700 undergraduate and graduate degrees during Minot State University’s commencement exercises on May 11, in the MSU Dome beginning at 10 a.m.

Commencement speakers are going to address Vision 2013, Strategy 1: Creating a Distinctive Mission Focused on Engagement and Place.

Faculty members who intend to march in the processional should dress in academic regalia and arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome at least 10 minutes prior to 10 a.m.

All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the commencement. If student assistance is not available during the two-hour block from 10 a.m.-noon, offices may close to allow staff members to attend this important event.

President Fuller invites all members of the MSU community to celebrate our student’s achievements and the completion of their academic programs.

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MSU will receive about \$6.5 million for Swain and have to contribute about \$500,000 for the project. State funding of \$387,000 was provided for the Dome floor, which is buckling and is a safety hazard.

The bill also contained a .25 percent cut in operating expenses for all NDUS campuses. For MSU, that translates to \$75,426 for the biennium or about \$38,000 each year. "It won't bust the budget," said Dorn.

Hoeven credited the state's aggressive economic development efforts and growing economy for providing the funding. "We are able to provide this funding, and at the same time, provide almost \$120 million for broad-based tax relief and set aside more than \$350 million in reserves for the future," he said.

Fuller thanked the Minot legislators for their hard work on behalf of MSU. Senators Karen Krebsbach and Tom Seymour and Representatives Matt Klein, Larry Bellew, Kari Conrad and Elwood "Woody" Thorpe were on hand for the press conference. Bruce Christianson and Jon Backes, local members of the State Board of Higher Education, also attended.

Native American celebration is in Dome over weekend

Native American dancers and drum groups from throughout North Dakota and neighboring states and provinces will compete during the 18th Annual Native American Honor Dance and Spring Celebration, at the Minot State University Dome Friday and Saturday. The celebration will also include special Native American attractions.

The powwow-style event, sponsored by the MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club and the university, will honor all 2007 graduates. Two "Grand Entries," the time when the dancers enter the floor of the arena, are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. each day.

Following the 1 p.m. Grand Entry on Saturday (May 5) the memory of Nathan Goodiron, a MSU student who was killed in action Thanksgiving Day in Afghanistan, will be honored. Goodiron, a junior majoring in finance, was serving with the N.D. Army National Guard. From Mandaree and an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, he had been involved with the MSU Native American club. His family will conduct a give-away ceremony. This traditional event honors the person by giving gifts to people who were inspirational, helpful or instrumental in that person's life.

The "Honor Parade," in which all 2007 graduates are invited to take part, follows the 7 p.m. Grand Entry on Saturday (May 5).

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. each day. On Friday evening at 5, a traditional buffalo meal will be provided by the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and the Spirit Lake Nation.

Admission to the Honor Dance and Spring Celebration is \$3 for ages 12-55; it is free to children under 12, senior citizens,

and MSU students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Wylie Hammond, MSU Multicultural Services, at 858-3365.

North Broadway renovation affects access to campus

Access to Minot State University is being impacted by construction on North Broadway. Traffic has been reduced to two lanes on the east side of the roadway, with one lane of traffic in each direction between University Avenue and 24th Avenue North.

Broadway and all intersections are open, but left turns are not allowed at the major signaled intersections. If you are traveling north on Broadway, this directly impacts your access to the campus on University Avenue and on 11th Avenue. Alternate routes for left turns onto University Avenue and 11th Avenue are marked with blue informational signs.

Left turns are permitted between the major intersections to provide access to local businesses. As occurred during the South Broadway project, there will be times when work requires an intersection to be closed.

To access the latest information, visit the Web site (www.minotbroadway.com). A link to the site is also available from Minot State University's home page (www.minotstateu.edu). Once on the construction Web site, select "Project Status & Maps" for the most up-to-date information. You may also sign up for e-mail updates by selecting "Broadway Update" and filling in the registration form.

If you need further assistance, please call MSU Public Information at 858-3298 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3298.

In short, please allow for extra time getting to and leaving from our campus. We regret any inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding.

MSU broadcasting students bring home conference awards

Minot State University broadcasting students attended the Midwest Journalism Conference in Minneapolis, March 23 and 24. Thirteen students attended to gain knowledge about the broadcasting field. Examples of conference sessions include new camera gear on the market, tips on how to get a print job, and how to get your first job in broadcasting. Each morning seasoned professionals spoke about their respective fields.

Three students and one faculty member in broadcasting earned Northwest Broadcasting News Association Eric Severeid Awards. MSU student Corey Serr earned a first-place award for "Radio-Best Use of Audio in a News Story." Students J.D. (Black) Rudd and Andy Leraas placed first in "TV-Best Sports Play-by-Play."

"It was very exciting to receive an award," said Serr. "We also previewed other students' work, and it's nice to see what projects and ideas they come up with."

Broadcasting faculty member Neil Roberts also earned an award of merit in the category "Radio-Small Market Best Series" for his programs "On Air at the Fair" produced during the N.D. State Fair.

Roberts said, "The competition gets tougher each year, so it's an honor to be recognized. It's a wonderful opportunity for the students."

MSU students on 'Who's Who' List

Eighteen juniors and seniors from Minot State University have been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A campus nomination committee and editors of the annual directory chose the MSU students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Listed alphabetically, the 2007 recipients are: Genevieve Binsfeld, Watson, Saskatchewan, criminal justice; Kelsey Broschat, Cooperstown, music and history; Jack Carraher, Minot, physics and chemistry; Jenny Castro, Dillon, Mont., broadcasting; Katie Fraser, Bottineau, elementary education and special education; Vincent Genareo, Mohall, music and criminal justice; Matthew Gerde, Beulah, computer science; Benjamin Huseby, Powers Lake, music; Mary Huston, Richmond, Mont., communication disorders; Amanda Juelson, Hillsboro, criminal justice and Spanish; Kent Kirkhammer, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, physical education and corporate fitness; Ashley Liebel, Watford City, music education; Ali Monley, Minot, broadcasting; Misty Nehring, Bismarck, Spanish; Lindsay Okland, Minot, social work; Ryan Romine, Mohall, Spanish education; Whitney Stobbs, Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, elementary education and Rachelle Veazy, Minot, nursing.

Students garner NDPC awards

MSU students won awards from the North Dakota Professional Communicators in the College Communications Contest in April.

In print media, two Red & Green staffers earned three awards. Robin Besse, editor, garnered two second-place awards for "single feature photo" and for "personality profile." Jake Alsdurf, Arts and Entertainment writer, earned first in the category "special articles."

Three broadcasting students won awards in electronic media. Dan Erdmann earned second place for "TV-Weather Broadcast." Corey Serr and Lee John earned two honorable mentions for "Best Use of TV Graphics" and "Best TV Feature Story."

Horvath serves regional conference

Cathy Horvath, IT Central, has accepted an invitation to serve on the program committee for the 2008 EDUCAUSE Midwest Regional Conference held in Chicago. Members of the program committee are involved in determining a conference

theme, crafting language for the call for proposals, and selecting proposals for presentation at the conference.

Physical education department supports Senate Bill increasing high school PE requirement

Three MSU physical education faculty members, students, and a Minot PE teacher visited the Legislature Feb. 6 to support Senate Bill 2354, which would increase the high school physical education requirement by an additional 1/2 credit.

Faculty member Terry Eckmann and student Kassie Krebsbach of Minot testified at the house hearing of the bill. The MSU contingency was the only university-related group to travel to Bismarck in advocacy of the bill.



From left to right – FRONT: Stephanie Burkle, faculty member, Dave Rochholz, faculty member, Sara Beckedahl, MSU graduate and Jim Hill Middle School PE teacher, Krebsbach, Gov. John Hoeven, Julia Williams, student, Eckmann, and Kalli Swenson, student; BACK: students Ken Mack, Matt Sundahl, Larry Derr and Jordan King.

DSU's Vickers to retire

Lee Vickers, president of Dickinson State University, announced Monday that he will retire from his position effective Jan. 1, 2008, or as soon as is possible to ensure a smooth transition for the campus and the new president.

"It is not easy to leave a position that has been so rewarding, both personally and professionally," Vickers said, citing personal goals and more time to spend with his family as his primary reasons for retiring. "My commitment to students and to the growth of the university remains very strong."

Vickers has been president of DSU for eight years, during which time he has been instrumental in bringing numerous initiatives to the fore. Among them are the expansion and renovation of the Murphy Hall Science Building; the opening of the Strom Center for Entrepreneurship; the expansion of the Global Awareness initiative through international exchange and the increase of extended campus offerings and enrollments.

Additionally, during Vicker's tenure, efforts to increase academic rigor and improve learning have been proven effective by improved performance on student exit exams.

"President Vickers has given Dickinson State University truly outstanding leadership during the years that he has served as its president. There has really been tremendous progress made by the institution on so many fronts under his leadership," said John Q. Paulsen, president of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education. "We wish Dr. and Mrs. Vickers great happiness during their retirement, although the task of finding his successor will certainly be challenging."

— *partially excerpted from Dickinson State University news release*

Hoeven names Martindale SBHE student member

Gov. John Hoeven named Nathan R. Martindale to serve as the student representative on the State Board of Higher Education on April 17. Martindale will be a senior at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and is pursuing a degree in business administration: management entrepreneurship. He will serve a one-year term effective July 1. The nine-member State Board of Higher Education is the policy-setting body for the North Dakota University System. The board consists of seven citizen members appointed by the governor for four-year terms, one student member appointed by the governor for a one-year term, and one faculty advisor selected by the Council of College Faculties.

Conference concerning reclaiming cultural identity to be held Thursday

A one-day conference, Reclaiming our Cultural Identity: Native American Culture of the Northern Plains, will be held Thursday (May 3) in the Multicultural Center in the lower level of the Student Union, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Topic will include culture, identity, politics and history; Eurocentrism to tribalcentrism; cultural competency; cultural trespassing and ethnic fraud; and service providers and the dilemmas of intervention. Presenters will be from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds.

The registration fee is \$25, and registration begins at 7:30. Continuing education units of 7.5 are approved for social workers and addiction counselors. This conference is free to MSU students.

For more information, contact Nelrene Yellow Bird at 858-3510 or Harry Hoffman at 858-3284.

Open forums on the Campus Climate Survey final report scheduled for May 7

On May 7, open forums reporting on the Campus Climate Assessment Project will be held. Two sessions will be held in the Conference Center, from 8 to 9 a.m., and from 9 to 10 a.m. Attendees may choose whichever forum best fits their schedule.

This survey instrument was distributed last September. Participants were asked to respond to survey questions regarding our campus climate from two perspectives – "how it is now" and "how it should be" and our amount of agreement or disagreement. The survey, which was administered by a consulting firm for the North Dakota University System, is an important tool in the goal to continually improve our campus. Sue Rankin, of the consulting firm, will be providing the report on our results.

Staff Senate to hold elections May 8

Elections for Staff Senate will be conducted May 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The ballot table will be located by the Post Office, second floor Administration Building. For clarification, once a staff senate representative has completed a two-year term of service, the individual is eligible to serve another two-year term.

Mentors wanted

The MSU Mentor Program is looking for more mentors. New students for fall 2007 will be invited to participate in the program and willing faculty, staff and administrators are needed to serve as their mentors.

The MSU Mentor Program was established to help new MSU students make a smooth transition to university life. The program started in fall 2006 with 147 students and 42 mentors. Students in the program (known as mentees) are looking for someone on campus to help them with questions they may have and sometimes, when they do not have questions, they are longing for someone to know who they are.

The main part of the program is the relationship that is developed with the mentor and mentee. We also offer the students the option of earning priority registration by meeting a few goals we set for them. Students interested in this option are asked to sign an agreement which lists requirements to earn priority registration. These requirements include:

- Meeting with their mentor three times per semester.
- Meeting with their academic advisor once per semester.
- Attending two life skills workshops per semester (workshops include topics such as time management, money management, financial aid, study skills and much more).

Any full-time faculty, staff or administrator who has completed a bachelor's degree can be a mentor. Mentors in the MSU Mentor Program:

- Serve as a resource for new students (the number of students assigned to you is based on how many you feel you can handle given your schedule).
- Meet with mentees at least three times per semester (Some mentors/mentees found it helpful to meet weekly or every other week while others were satisfied with the three times per semester. You must also be willing to have students stop in when they need help because not all situations can wait until the next meeting).
- Help students identify campus and community resources to assist with problems that arise (tutoring, job searches, roommate problems, financial aid, etc.)
- Be willing to listen to their problems and guide them in the right direction
- Encourage your mentees to complete other program requirements (attending workshops and meeting with advisor)
- Communicate with mentor program coordinator regarding your students
- Most importantly—be a friend to a new MSU student.

If you would like to know more please feel free to ask one of our current mentors. A list of mentors and their contact information can be found at (<http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/MeetourMentors.shtml>).

Also, do not think you have to be an expert on MSU to be a mentor. We are a network of professionals that can help each other and training will occur at the beginning of the fall semester as well as periodically throughout the year.

If you are willing to serve as a mentor in the program, please go to (http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/mentor_app.shtml) and complete the online application. Include as much information as possible since this will be used to match mentors and mentees.

To find out more about the mentor program, contact Debra Chandler, mentor program coordinator, at 858-3144 or at (debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu). You can also visit the MSU Mentor Program Web site at (<http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/>).

Finally, if you know of any students starting next fall please encourage them to sign up for the program. They can do so by clicking on the application link on the MSU Mentor Program Web site (<http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/>).

Fees for parking permits increase

New reserved parking permits are required for the 12-month period, June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 (summer, fall, and spring semesters). The permits are available in the Parking Office, located at Plant Services. The cost for the permit has increased, due to the inflationary costs associated with

maintenance/improvements, and are now \$30 annually. The monies collected are used to maintain and improve the roadways and parking lots.

Permits are assigned according to the building in which individuals maintain an office or work area. Each vehicle must display a valid parking permit on the inside rear view mirror. Each permit is numbered and must be receipted as such. Therefore, a second permit will not be issued, and if employees drive more than one vehicle, the permit must be transferred. A second permit may also be purchased if desired.

Please have in your possession at the time of purchase, your vehicle license plate numbers and your MSU Employee ID number.

Citations are to be paid or appealed within 7 calendar days. The appeal form can be found on the MSU home page. After that period, the fines will double and automatically transfer from the parking system (T2 Flex) to the accounts receivable in the Business Office (PeopleSoft). Payments for outstanding fines are to be paid at the cashier's window at the Business Office. When accounts become past due, you will receive written notification 20 days prior the account being released to a collection agency. With our new software systems, there is no distinguishing between students and staff, all are viewed as employees.

To alleviate any future balances to the accounts receivable, follow the instructions on the citation in the event you receive one. This practice will be in the best interest of all those concerned.

'MSU at the Mall' was a great success

The first MSU at the Mall on April 28 was a great opportunity for MSU to feature its programs, services, employees and students. The Minot State University Marketing Committee, along with a student group from the campaigns and strategies communications class, initiated this event.

During MSU at the Mall, there was a scavenger hunt and a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to the mall. More than 30 MSU departments, organizations and clubs had information booths and ran activities during the event.

Announcements

Book buy back and ordering updates

MSU faculty: please announce in your classes that Book Buy Back is going to be a little different now that we are Barnes & Noble. The buy back has moved into the store at the service counter instead of right outside of the store. A photo ID is also required in order to sell books back. With Barnes & Noble, students can sell their books at any time no matter where they got them. If they have any questions they can contact the bookstore.

This is just a reminder for those of you that have not turned in your summer and fall book orders to the bookstore yet. Book buy back is coming up during finals week and without your book orders students do not receive the most money they can for their books.

I am still missing a lot of summer and fall orders. I would like to hear from everyone even if your class does not require a textbook. If you have any questions, please let me know.

— *Abbie Baklenko, textbook manager*

Faculty Senate survey due May 7

MSU faculty: Thanks to all of you who have already completed the annual MSU Faculty Senate survey. For those of you who have not yet completed it, the deadline is Monday (May 7). Contact me if you have lost track of your copy of the survey.

— *Bethany Andreasen, associate professor of history*

Spring 2007 grades are due May 14

Faculty: Grade rosters will be run Friday morning (May 4). Grades are due May 14 by noon. Please note: The Student Administration Production environment will be down from approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday (May 5) to allow the programmers to load and test the bundle in Production. You will not be able to enter grades on Saturday during this time period. If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office.

— *Tania Balas, registrar*

MSU Athletics to host senior athlete banquet

The Minot State University Athletic Department and the Beaver Boosters will be hosting a senior athlete banquet in the Conference Center on May 10, 6:30 p.m.

This event is to recognize the 2006-07 MSU senior athletes. A buffet-style meal will be served, and the cost is \$12. The banquet is open to the public, and tickets will be available at the door.

For further information, contact MSU Athletics at 853-3041.

In the galleries

May 3-31 — "Sculptured Landscapes," by Ken Dalgarno, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

May 3-31 — "A Journey into Abstraction," by Elizabeth Woods, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

The public reception for Dalgarno and Woods exhibits will be May 6, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

May 28-June 13, 2007

May

- 2 Be in the Know: Registrar's Office, student health and fitness, addiction studies and psychology, Honors program, Aleshire Theater, 2 p.m.
- 2 Alumna recital: Christina Mixemong, viola, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
- 3 State Board of Higher Education, Wahpeton.
- 3 Conference: "Reclaiming Our Cultural Identity," Multicultural Center, 8 a.m.
- 3 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 218, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- 3 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 2006 Coup awards ceremony, Hartnett Hall 2nd floor lounge, 7 p.m.
- 3 Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 SAC: dance, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
- 3-5 Baseball DAC Tournament, Jamestown.
- 3-31 NAC exhibit: "A Journey into Abstraction," by Elizabeth Woods, Olson Library Gallery.
- 3-31 NAC exhibit: "Sculptured Landscapes," by Ken Dalgarno, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 4 Outdoor Track & Field DAC Championship, Dickinson, N.D.
- 4 Multicultural event: Cinco de Mayo celebration, Multicultural Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 4-5 Spring Celebration and Honors Dance (Pow Wow), Dome.
- 4-5 Softball DAC Tournament, Madison, S.D.
- 5 Sophomore student recital: Sarah Hanzel, cello, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 NAC reception for Woods and Dalgarno art gallery exhibits, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 1-3 p.m.
- 6 Faculty recital: Dianna Anderson, piano, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 7 Campus Climate Assessment Project final report, Conference Center, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
- 7 Deadline for graduate students who are graduating spring semester to submit five copies of thesis to Graduate School Office.
- 7-10 Final exams in 16-week classes.
- 8 Staff Senate elections, Post Office, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 9-10 Final exams in second eight-week classes.
- 9-12 Softball Region 3 Tournament.
- 10 Senior Athletic Banquet, Conference Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 10-12 Baseball Region 3 Tournament.

- 11 MSU Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.
- 11 Concert: Minot Area Council of the Arts, “Esta,”
Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Concert: “Living Legends,” performed by
Brigham Young University, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Outdoor Track & Field Last Chance Meet,
Parker Stadium.
- 14 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 15 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 16 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 18-20 Baseball NAIA Super Regional.
- 20 Opening reception for MaryAnn Hintz and Amanda
Crawford senior exhibit, 62 Doors Gallery, 7 p.m.
- 20-27 Softball NAIA National Tournament.
- 20-June 24 Senior exhibit: “Exhibit 527 Figures & Faces,”
by MaryAnn Hintz and Amanda Crawford, 62 Doors
Gallery.
- 24-26 Outdoor Track & Field NAIA Championship, Fresno,
Calif.
- 29 Summer eight-week classes begin.
- 31-June 1 Connect: new student orientation and registration,
call 858-4348 for information.

June

- 1 Last day to add an eight-week class.
- 4-10 Dakota Chamber Music Institute
- 7 Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital, Nelson Hall,
7 p.m.
- 9 MSU Alumni Association Portland area gathering in
Clackamas, Ore.
- 12-17 Summer Theatre: “Li’l Abner,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 13 Golf tour, Velva.