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Higher education is always a part of every state budget but a proposal for a new funding model is unusual. Governor Dalrymple suggested creating a performance based funding structure for distributing money to the 11 higher education institutions across the state.

The president of one of those schools says that he is excited to look at a performance based model. Dr. John Richman says that he and his administration is “excited” to look the Governor’s proposal.

Richman does sound a note of caution “There are many factors that could be used as criterion and there are so many models that come from this proposal.” He said that without a specific plan it is difficult to comment but he and his staff are eager to look at any model that is considered.

Bill Geotz, Chancellor of the North Dakota University System said that discussions of an incentive based funding have been taking place over the last year. Geotz says that a timeline has been laid out and that with the governor highlighting that plan in his budget address Geotz anticipates that timeline will be moved forward by at least a year.

Like Richman, Geotz says criterion selection is a key component to establishing an incentive system “We are going to be selecting an area we want to measure and then use that as a charge to our campuses for improvement.”

Another key aspect to this type of system according to Geotz is that it is not a penalty system “We are not looking for penalties we are looking for success.” Richman says that he is confident that NDSCS will meet any challenge “There are many factors that could be used but NDCSC will look very in any performance based model.”

Geotz says that there is not a firm date for the implementation of an incentive program “As soon as we know that the legislature is willing to support this we will begin to move forward.”

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A proposal to charge North Dakota State University business students a new fee is “off the table” after students voiced their opposition, President Dean Bresciani said Friday.

Leaders of the College of Business met with students Thursday afternoon to discuss a proposed $50-per-credit fee, which would cost full-time business students a maximum of $800 per semester.

Dean Ron Johnson said the open forum hosted by the college was the first step before bringing the proposal to the president.

Bresciani called Johnson Friday about the student concerns, and Johnson said he was planning to withdraw the proposal.

Most students at the open forum said they would support some type of program fee but that the amount proposed was too high and the proposal wouldn’t address their needs.
Nick Graves, a junior accounting major, called it “fantastic news” that the fee is not going forward. Students had collected 300 signatures on a petition and were planning to bring it to the president, he said.

“It seemed to me like the vast majority of people were highly against it,” Graves said.

NDSU’s College of Business is underfunded compared to its peers, Johnson said during the open forum. The fee would have paid for initiatives in entrepreneurship and leadership, provided money to hire an instructional technologist and another academic adviser and added other initiatives that benefit students.

Johnson said many business colleges charge program fees or differential tuition, and NDSU officials may revisit the idea in the future.

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Bill Isaacson continues to work on new inventions more than 50 years after he attended Minot State University.

Isaacson, who played on the Minot State campus when he was a boy and remembers being taken with his first-grade class to sing “Happy Birthday” to Minot founder Erik Ramstad, received an "Outstanding Intreprenuership Award" from the Technology and Innovation Division of the Academy of Management Friday.

Shawn Carraher, director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy at Minot State, is a past division chair of that organization and presented Isaacson with the national award when Isaacson spoke to a business class there Friday.

Isaacson told the students he is working on getting a patent for the next generation of Olympic diving boards, the kind that will let an Olympic diver do five somersaults instead of 3 1/2. One of the boards was in use at the last Olympics. It runs in the family, since Isaacson's late uncle, Ray Rude, invented the Duraflex diving board.

Isaacson, a retired 3M executive who now lives in Stanley and has a consulting business, said intreprenuership is the pursuit of inventions and Isaacson said 3M had a culture that strongly encouraged it, since most of their products resulted from employees "monkeying around in the lab."

When he worked there, the company permitted its employees to spend 15 percent of their time working on projects that interested them. That's how Isaacson came up with inventions such as extended wear contact lenses and multi-focal interocular lenses. Isaacson's own mother was one of the recipients of the multi-focal interocular lenses and Isaacson said her life improved dramatically when she was able to see again. His mom enjoyed the last five years of her life and started painting and enjoying more things. When he started at the company, Isaacson said he wanted to do something that would benefit humankind and he felt that he had when he saw how much his invention helped his mother.

3M paid its employees well, provided good benefits and showed a great deal of respect for creativity. Isaacson said he worked on many projects that failed too, and that was also part of 3M's culture. The company didn't punish employees who failed but put them to work on other projects. That wasn't the case at other companies, said Isaacson.

3M drew much of its employee base from the Upper Midwest and people from the tri-state area were among the most successful because they had such a strong work ethic, said Isaacson. Isaacson told the students at Minot State that they can do anything and be anything they choose to be.

Other colleges might have bigger names, but students at Minot State are learning everything they need to do the work. Isaacson said no matter how successful they become, they should not forget where they come from.
Isaacson also served on the North Dakota Board of Higher Education from 1998 to 2002.

GRAND FORKS — Lynn Luckow, Craigslist Foundation president and CEO, University of North Dakota graduate and Hettinger native will deliver the commencement addresses at the undergraduate and graduate Winter Commencement ceremonies Friday at the Chester Fritz Auditorium.

“UND, to me, was a central bridge from a small town without many connections to various fields and professions,” recalls Luckow, who directs the philanthropic arm of craigslist.org, the seventh most frequented Internet site globally.

Currently living in San Francisco, Luckow graduated from UND in 1971 with a BA in English and German. He earned a master’s degree in higher education administration at Indiana University, Bloomington.

In the early years of his career, Luckow served as UND’s director of conferences and institutes, assistant director of high school relations, and as an academic advisor.

“When we grow up within North Dakota, we wonder how we stack up to the world,” he said. “UND was a great confidence builder for me and has certainly been key to my career. I have a longstanding love affair with the University of North Dakota and what it does for students.”

Luckow said his commencement addresses will cover themes of community, what it means to build a civil society and how technology can power relationships.

The Craigslist Foundation supports the belief that healthy, vibrant cities, towns, and counties are the key to healthy, democratic societies.

Throughout his career, Luckow has worked in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors. Positions he’s held include president and CEO of Jossey-Bass Publisher; president and CEO of Northern California Grantmakers, a coalition of 180 philanthropic foundations in Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay area; and director of business, management and executive programs at the University of California, San Diego.

An avid lifelong learner, Luckow studied organizational psychology, management, and leadership at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, Calif., and engaged in self-directed learning around the importance of community in everyday life.

As an expert in social innovation, Luckow has served on, or consulted to, over 40 nonprofit boards, including chairing the board of San Francisco’s Project Open Hand, and the national boards of Chanticleer and the National 4-H Council, for which he was honored as the nation’s top nonprofit board chairman by the National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations in 2000.

Luckow currently serves as senior advisor to the Kinsey Institute, senior advisor to the Noyce Foundation and dean of the Noyce Leadership Institute, and as a board member of Fifty Crows Foundation, Talking Eyes Media, and the Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence at Indiana University. He is also on the advisory boards of YouthGive, City of Dreams and World Arts West.

Honors Luckow has received include the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education from Indiana University; the Maxwell Anderson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Arts and Letters from UND; an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Manhattanville College; and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Golden Gate University in recognition of his charitable work in the San Francisco Bay Area, and his contributions to higher education worldwide.
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Dickinson State University Foundation and the Alumni Association’s 14th Annual Yuletyme fundraiser celebrated Germany Saturday at the Ramada Grand Dakota Lodge in Dickinson.

“Every year we feature a different country as the theme,” said Mark Versen, assistant director of DSU alumni and donor donations.

The event raises money for scholarships and foundation expenses, he added.

Yuletyme began with a social and silent auction. Ron and Ann Christensen, Minnesota residents whose son, Jake, is enrolled at DSU, attended the event.

“It’s nice,” Ann said. “They do a lot of good for the students.”

The university’s food service catered German dishes to 14 host homes across the city.

“It’s an authentic German meal,” Versen said.

Those attending the event took party busses to the homes.

Susie Lefor, a Dickinson resident, was excited to host the meal in her home. She has been involved with the event in the past and hosted for the first time Saturday.

“It’s a pretty big function,” Lefor said. “I think the University benefits our city and I think we need to give back to the University.”

She knew some of the 14 people who came to her home for supper, but some she had never met before they entered her dining room.

Attendants took party busses back to the Ramada for a live auction Saturday evening.

The night concluded with a dance.

About $31,500 worth of items, including a signed REO Speedwagon guitar, were donated to the fundraiser and auctioned off at the event, Versen said. He expected the event to bring in about that much money.

Last year, the event raised $29,000, Versen said.
Mayville awarded math and science partnerships grant

Mayville (N.D.) State University was recently awarded a grant of almost $380,000 to bring science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and engineering concepts into the K-12 classroom.

The grant was awarded by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, and will be distributed over two years.

This program was designed to help meet the need for stronger knowledge in engineering processes at the K-12 teaching level, a goal that will be met through training, feedback and support for teachers.

According to the DPI, 72 K-12 schools in North Dakota had 50 percent or fewer of their students achieving the state standards for proficiency in science. The department said 47 schools had 50 percent or fewer achieving proficiency in mathematics.

NDSU business students relieved by decision to withdraw proposed fee increase

By: Bill Shammert, WDAY

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After several weeks of deliberations, university officials at the North Dakota State College of Business have decided to withdrawal a drafted proposal that would increase student tuition by 50-dollars per credit hour.

Although most business students are happy with the news, the business college will not be able to add any new programs. Already, the college’s budget is 35-percent lower than what peer schools are at.

Dean Ron Johnson says the main reason the college withdrew the proposal is because the governor recently released a budget proposal outlining a policy against razing tuition for state colleges.

Ron Johnson: “That would not be the image we would want to have. It’s not the image we want for our college, not the image we want for the university. The governor has been good in his support for higher education in this state and I think we want work with the governor in that regard.”

Dean Johnson did say he expects, ultimately, university officials will have to revisit the proposal in the next few years. Many students voiced their outrage over the proposal at an town hall meeting last Thursday night.
UND Foundation gives $14.5M back to university
By: Associate Press, Bismarck Tribune

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GRAND FORKS (AP) — The University of North Dakota foundation says it sent $14.5 million to the school in the past fiscal year, a 26 percent increase over the previous year.

Officials say the additional funding comes from an increase in donations and better returns on investments.

Chief Executive Officer Tim O'Keefe says that of the total, $5.4 million is dedicated to scholarships. The rest goes for a variety of purposes, from new technology to symposiums.

O'Keefe says that the goal is to provide $20 million per year to UND within a few years.

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By: Forum staff reports, INFORUM

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North Dakota State University President Dean Bresciani has appointed a 17-member committee to recommend a successor for Provost Craig Schnell, who is retiring from the administrative post and returning to the faculty.

Bresciani also redefined the role of the provost. In addition to serving as NDSU's chief academic officer, the new provost will provide increased coordination of all university scholarly and instructional activities.

Neil Gudmestad, distinguished professor of plant pathology, will lead the committee. NDSU has hired consultant Garry Owens of Academic Search Inc. to assist.

Advertising for the job will begin Jan. 3.