Notice of Special Meeting of the State Board of Higher Education
March 3, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. MST and 9:00 a.m. CST

The State Board of Higher Education will hold a special meeting by conference call on Tuesday, March 3, to confer with representatives of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Several attendees will be participating at Beck Auditorium, Klinefelter Hall, 233 Campus Drive, Dickinson, ND 58601, beginning at 8:00 a.m. MST. Several attendees will be participating at Bismarck State College, Horizon Conference room, 1815 Schafer Street, Bismarck, ND 58501, beginning at 9:00 a.m. CST. The members of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) and others will be participating from remote locations by telephone.

The public may attend the special meeting at either location. The public may also attend by telephone by contacting Kristie Hetzler at 701-328-2966 or Kristie.Hetzler@NDUS.edu for the call-in number and password.

The HLC is conducting its ten-year accreditation review of Dickinson State University (DSU). The accreditation review team has requested an opportunity to discuss with members of the SBHE about DSU’s continuous improvement efforts, which are described in its self-study documents, and other accreditation-related issues. This special meeting is scheduled in order to provide that opportunity to the HLC.

The HLC accreditation review team has notified DSU that the HLC will discuss at this meeting the HLC Criteria for Accreditation (http://policy.hlcommission.org/Policies/criteria-for-accreditation.html) and it is anticipated that the HLC will likely focus on Criterion Two (Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct), and the responses provided by DSU in its Self-Study, Criterion Two, Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct. It is the understanding of the SBHE that these discussions involve a “Q&A” format, with questions posed by the HLC accreditation review team with answers to be provided by the SBHE members. The SBHE cannot predict with specificity the questions that the HLC accreditation review team may pose during the special meeting, but it is the understanding of SBHE that all discussions will be limited to the re-accreditation of DSU.

The meeting will be recorded and minutes will be posted on the SBHE website.

The agenda for the special meeting will be:

1. Call meeting to order by the SBHE chair
2. Introduction of HLC accreditation review team, participating SBHE members, interim chancellor, and other participants who may be invited by the HLC, DSU, or SBHE
3. Discussion of questions and issues posed by the HLC accreditation review team
4. Adjourn (estimated to be 8:45 a.m. MST and 9:45 a.m. CST)