NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PRIORITIES

NDSU supports the initiatives and priorities of the State Board of Higher Education and the North Dakota University System. This information is to provide clarity on NDSU-specific issues.

» FUNDING FORMULA

NDSU supports the funding formula, but some modifications are requested:

1. Reinstate the formula's floor for funding reductions but with a new hold harmless rate at 0%.

2. Provide a permanent inflationary salary adjustment with full funding from the General Fund, enabling NDSU to not raise tuition for the salary increase.

3. Provide a General Fund operating inflation adjustment.

» INTERIM HIGHER EDUCATION BILL

NDSU supports the Interim Higher Education Bill, but some modifications are requested:

1. Capital Building Fund Program:
   a) Eliminate the need for a 30% private match for buildings.
   b) Continue to allow capital building fund Tier II and III dollars to be used for both academic and auxiliary buildings, instead of just academic buildings.
   c) Fund NDSU and UND on Tier II funding at the same level.

2. Higher Education Challenge Grants:
   a) Increase Challenge Grant funding.
   b) Fund UND and NDSU at the same level.

» CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

1. NDSU's top capital project request is for a new Engineering Facility to improve NDSU's ability to meet the workforce needs of the state.

2. NDSU supports SBARE's top capital building project which is an Agricultural Field Laboratory to address critical infrastructure needs for plant breeding, weed science, soil science, horticulture, agronomy, and plant pathology, and provide research that helps the state's agricultural industry adapt to changing cropping patterns, disease risk, and climate resiliency.

» LEGACY FUND RESEARCH INITIATIVE

NDSU supports the use of the legacy fund to create permanent research funding to advance competitive research initiatives.

» ADDITIONAL ITEMS

1. To continue to meet the IT and research needs of NDSU and UND, both institutions have submitted a proposal for IT/Research Network Infrastructure (Northern Tier Network, Computational Research, Cybersecurity Certification).

2. To meet the substantial growth in student demand for behavioral health services, NDUS has a proposal for a Behavioral Health Initiative.

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