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Enrollment at North Dakota State University is holding steady this fall with 14,399 students, eight fewer than last year’s enrollment.

Freshman student enrollment is 2,420, up from 2,400 a year ago. Undergraduate student enrollment is 11,911, down from 11,977 a year ago. Graduate student enrollment is 2,146, up from 2,084 students from a year ago. NDSU’s international student population is 1,282, down from 1,307 in 2010.

“These enrollment numbers reflect our priorities to concentrate on our retention and graduation efforts,” Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, said in a statement.
BISMARCK — A hearing date has been set to allow Dickinson State University president Richard McCallum to argue he shouldn't be fired.

The hearing is to begin Oct. 18. It will be held in Dickinson, but a university system spokeswoman says the time and location haven't been decided. It will be open to the public.

The state Board of Higher Education approved firing McCallum after an auditor's report said he played a key role in inflating enrollment numbers at Dickinson State. North Dakota State University administrator D.C. Coston has been appointed as the school's interim president.

McCallum requested a hearing to challenge the decision. He's been Dickinson State's president since April 2008.

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In a collaborative effort, the North Dakota Department of Transportation, the North Dakota Department of Human Services, the North Dakota University System, and the NDSU Extension Service have launched a new Parents LEAD program.

Parents LEAD provides parents with valuable information, tools, tips and resources on how to effectively communicate with their children on the dangers of underage drinking. Designed to appeal to all parents, the Parents LEAD program will contain social media components, an interactive blog written by Dr. Sharon Query, 4-H Youth Development Specialist with the NDSU Center for 4-H Youth Development, as well as the opportunity for parents to sign up for email communications specific to their child’s (or children’s) age and/or grade.
Forum editorial: NDSU airplane essential

It never fails. Whenever the critics of North Dakota higher education have a chance to take a shot – legitimate or not – they fire away. So it was last week when The Forum reported on the cost and value of North Dakota State University’s airplane, a Beechcraft King Air B-200. To hear some of them tell it, university personnel are jetting around the nation on the taxpayers’ dime. Not hardly.

The university uses the plane almost exclusively for in-state trips when several people have to be at a destination, such as testifying at the Legislature. The aircraft’s cabin is configured to seat eight. It’s not used for personal trips by NDSU’s president and staff. When Dean Bresciani has to travel out of state, he flies commercial.

The yearly cost of operating the airplane is about $550,000 during a legislative year when university officials testify and lobby frequently at the Bismarck session. Using the plane instead of driving is smart use of resources. When balanced against the costs of ground travel and overnight stays and meals, the airplane’s efficiencies measure up well. The valuable time of the president and his staff must be factored into the travel equation.

Furthermore, critics who apparently believe (we say “believe” because “think” would be inaccurate) the plane is an extravagance are of the same crowd who say universities should be run like businesses. Ironically, they are right about business.

Major companies in Fargo and elsewhere operate airplanes. They don’t do so because they like to waste money. The planes are tools of business. Flying is efficient – a cost-saver in the long run.

Make no mistake about it: NDSU is one of the biggest “businesses” in the region. Its annual budget rivals or exceeds most big corporations rooted in the state. The university uses its Beechcraft in much the same way corporate executives use theirs, except private execs have the luxury of using their planes for personal trips.

Both North Dakota research universities own or lease airplanes. While NDSU has the Beechcraft, the University of North Dakota has access to several aircraft through the university’s aerospace studies program.

It seems a few noisy and chronic faultfinders really don’t understand that NDSU and UND have evolved from good regional campuses to world-class research/teaching universities. The myopic scolds seem stuck in the era when NDSU was the “AC” and did a darn good job teaching agriculture, pharmacy and engineering. NDSU still does an excellent job in those marquee programs, and much more. It is the “much more” that has redefined the school and put it in a league with the best research universities in the nation.
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Area colleges aim to keep faculty pay competitive
By: Amy Dalrymple, INFORUM

FARGO – Professors at North Dakota State University hope the state’s strong financial position will help their salaries catch up and become more competitive.

Meanwhile, faculty leaders at Minnesota State University Moorhead and Minnesota community colleges fear that cuts to the higher education budget will put them further behind.

Officials on both sides of the river recognize competitive faculty pay helps attract and retain highly qualified teachers.

Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, said pay has become more competitive and retention is improving as a result of salary increases from the past two legislative sessions.

“The bottom line is we’re making headway,” Goetz said.

At NDSU, the average salary for faculty at the instructor and assistant professor levels was comparable to what other public doctoral institutions were paying nationally in 2010, according to the American Association of University Professors.

However, as faculty at NDSU advance, their salaries do not keep pace with what competing universities pay, figures show.

The average full professor at NDSU earned $96,300 in 2010, while similar schools nationally paid $118,054, the AAUP survey said.

Students benefit from having professors who have national and international reputations in their fields, said Gary Totten, president of the NDSU Faculty Senate.

“We have top-notch faculty and we want to keep them,” Totten said.

Taxpayers also benefit when universities attract talent that leads to economic development, such as the success of NDSU’s Research and Technology Park, Totten said.

“As we attract top researchers to campus, that is an economic boon to the community and to the state,” Totten said.

North Dakota is positioned to attract top faculty because the state is able to invest in higher education while other states are making cuts, Goetz said.
No longer first choice

At MSUM, where faculty salaries have been frozen since 2008, pay is falling further behind, said Ted Gracyk, president of the campus faculty association.

“We are not most people’s first choice anymore,” Gracyk said.

Similar to NDSU, MSUM salaries are more competitive for new faculty hires, but are less so as faculty advance, according to the AAUP survey.

The statewide faculty union is negotiating the contract for MSUM and the other state universities.

“To bring us up to anywhere near national norms again would require significant raises, and it’s difficult to see how in the current budget that was just passed that would be possible,” Gracyk said.

Faculty salaries for Minnesota community colleges have been eroding as a result of three years with no raises, said Greg Mulcahy, president of the Minnesota State College Faculty, the union that represents the two-year colleges.

“How long this erosion is going to continue, we don’t know,” Mulcahy said. “We’re certainly not happy about it.”

As a result, faculty are working longer before retiring and fewer young people are entering the profession, Mulcahy said.

“I think what it tends to do is leave you to have an aging faculty,” he said. “It generally discourages people from entering education at just about any level.”

The union, which represents Minnesota State Community and Technical College, is negotiating a new contract now, but Mulcahy said he couldn’t speculate on what the result may be.

“Recent history is not encouraging,” he said.

The average instructor at MSCTC earned $59,300 in 2010, according to the AAUP.

When compared to the national average of $57,603, that appears to be competitive. But when compared to community colleges that have faculty ranks – professor, associate professor and assistant professor – the MSCTC salaries are below average, according to the AAUP data.

Concordia College salaries, which averaged from $76,600 for a professor to $44,200 for an instructor, are equal to or slightly higher than the average salaries for private colleges with religious affiliations, according to AAUP data.
However, when compared to private independent colleges that grant bachelor’s degrees, Concordia’s salaries are below average.

Concordia Provost Mark Krejci said the college aims to have salaries fall in the 60th to 80th percentile nationally. The college has identified faculty pay as a strategic priority and directed more funds to faculty salaries than to other areas, he said.

“It is more and more competitive in our area to land good faculty,” Krejci said. “We want to be able to compete.”
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The same report also shows that Minnesota State University Moorhead and Minnesota State Community and Technical College are among the top 10 Minnesota schools to import high school graduates from other states.

The analysis by the Minnesota Private Colleges Council shows that Minnesota was a “net exporter” of undergraduate students in 2010.

That is, while 10,649 high school graduates from other states chose to attend college in Minnesota, there were 14,495 Minnesota students who went to college out of state, the report says.

That resulted in a net loss of 3,846 students.

But what was a loss for Minnesota was a win for North Dakota, which had a net gain of 1,498 Minnesota students, more than any other border state, according to the analysis.

Iowa had the next largest net gain of Minnesota students with 1,107.

Of the schools importing Minnesota graduates, NDSU ranked first with 1,374. UND was second with 1,007. The rankings were consistent with the findings the same analysis found a year ago.

The report considered full-time students who attended college for the first time in 2010. It did not include international students or students who postponed college longer than a year after high school.

Of the Minnesota colleges and universities that imported the most high school graduates, from other states, MSUM ranked fifth with 382.

MSCTC, which has campuses in Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes and Wadena, ranked seventh with 366.

Concordia College ranked 15th with 202 students.

The report noted that of the 2,702 students enrolled in Minnesota for-profit schools, 1,464 of them were enrolled in online institutions and may not be living in Minnesota.
UND UAS director named to statewide team
The program director for UND’s Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems has been named to the newly launched North Dakota Airspace Integration Team.

Al Palmer, director of the program’s research, education and training, was appointed to the position by North Dakota’s congressional delegation and Gov. Jack Dalrymple.

The new team will be the interface between the state and the Federal Aviation Administration on UAS integration into the National Aerospace System.

$1 million award for N.D. tribal colleges
The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research has awarded a $1 million, two-year award to the state’s tribal colleges to improve connectivity.

The National Science Foundation award allots about $225,000 to each of the four tribal colleges to invest in computer equipment and personnel to improve network connectivity and benefit research and education.

UND culture center awarded federal grant
UND has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the U.S. State Department for an American Culture Center in Shanghai.

The center, which is housed on the campus of the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, will present scholarly and cultural programs. The two universities have had a relationship for more than a decade that has promoted student and faculty exchange.

UND CSD department awarded grant
UND’s Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders has received a $19,500 community grant to help citizens recover from the effects of stroke.

The grant, awarded through the North Dakota Department of Health State Stroke Program, will support a one-year program for up to 10 stroke victims from the Grand Forks area.
Price for MSU's geothermal well to raise
By ANDREA JOHNSON - Staff Writer

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Increased activity in the region means the price of completing a geothermal well project at Minot State is also expected to rise, said Roger Kluck, assistant vice president for facilities management.

Kluck said completing all three phases of the project was initially expected to cost about $17 million and will now cost $27 million. Kluck attributed the increase to the oil boom in the area, a high demand for contractors and labor for construction projects and this summer's flood.

Kluck briefed the Legislature's budget committee in Bismarck on Thursday on the project and the university's plans for completing it using the money that has been allocated for the project by the Legislature. Kluck said he informed the committee that the university will focus on completing its Area A and adding geothermal piping that can be used to eventually connect the whole of the campus to the system.

"We've got some options in place to cover the increased cost," Kluck said, including grants the university is pursuing, possible tax credits, working with private partners and low-interest financing. Kluck is due to report back to the budget committee in December with firmer numbers.

The first phase of the project costs about $9 million and has been funded by money from the state and a U.S. Department of Commerce grant. When completed, the first part of the geothermal project will heat and cool the MSU Dome, the Gordon B. Olson Library, Swain Hall and the new wellness center next to the Dome that is currently under construction. The project started last fall and involves drilling some 450 geothermal wells, 250 feet deep, in MSU's Allen Field and covering them with sod.

Kluck said about 25 percent of the wells have been dug thus far and work is under way to install the piping that will connect the four buildings. The wellness center is scheduled to be online by March.

The second phase of the project, what the university calls Area B, is the traffic loop. Area C would include the remainder of the buildings on campus.

The project will save the university at least $100,000 per year in heating and cooling costs, said Kluck, so he considers the project still worth it even with the increased cost of labor and pipe.
Minot State students do flood relief work
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Many Minot State University students who left Minot for the summer returned to a campus that seemed fairly unchanged but homes and businesses just across University Avenue were destroyed or devastated by the flood.

People like the Rev. Kari Williamson, head of Lutheran Campus Ministry at MSU, saw that situation offered great potential for learning and for service.

She enlisted the help of Lutheran Disaster Relief team, Minot Area Community Foundation and Town-er's Lutheran tri-parish to organize two work days, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24.

On Sept. 10, about 30 volunteers, including MSU students and staff, joined hands to repair some flooded homes.

Rhonda Thompson of Lutheran Disaster Relief said her group selected four homes where volunteers would work. LDR volunteers led and worked alongside students to muck out basements and remove sheetrock.

"We tried to chose some of the most vulnerable people to help, and to match volunteers' strength and abilities to jobs that needed to be done," Thompson said.

The work was far from pleasant in many cases. MSU student Rhett Pederson of Estevan, Sask., said cleaning a refrigerator filled with spoiled meat was his worst task.

"But it really made me feel good to help," he said. "I know we only scratched the surface of the work to be done, but it helped."

"It was really eye-opening to work in the home of two older retired teachers," Sierra Lassila, of Garrison, said. "Sometimes we students live in our own little bubble on campus but this is a chance to really help.

"It's so personally rewarding," Lassila, a peer minister in LCM, said. "We hear of natural disasters across the country or around the world and wish we could help. Here's our chance, in our own backyard."

Trisha McLeod, a student from Weyburn, Sask., could see her work having a lasting effect. Her group cleaned a First Lutheran Church property that will house future volunteer groups.

"You can experience helping while you get out into the Minot community, another plus," McLeod said.

The Sept. 24 workday is planned to mirror the Sept. 10 one, Williamson said, with volunteer students and staff asked to meet at 9 a.m. in the multi-cultural center at MSU's student center.

"We start with some discussion," she said. "We want to be sure our students and staff realize the trash they are carrying out was someone's treasure."

She said a group of University of North Dakota students plan to attend the Sept. 24 work day.
The Towner tri-church parish provides noon lunches and the Minot Area Community Foundation grant paid for the pizza at 4 p.m., quitting time. Masks and gloves are provided for volunteers, too, she said.

Williamson noted the university has provided an office for her on the first floor of the administration building after Augustana Lutheran Church, across University Avenue, sank beneath flood waters.

For more information, call Williamson at 833-2221.

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