

# NORTH DAKOTA HIGHLIGHTS

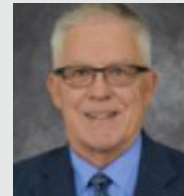
## OVERVIEW

North Dakota enacted authorizing legislation in 1999 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Over the past 26 years, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from North Dakota have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

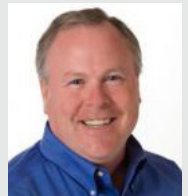
## HOW MHEC BENEFITS NORTH DAKOTA

- ▶ **Strong return on investment.** North Dakota received a 7-fold return on annual compact membership commitment of \$115,000:
  - » **Technology Contracts.** North Dakota entities saved \$137,175 through MHEC contracts with Dell, Oracle, CampusGuard, and others
  - » **Distance Education.** By participating in the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA), North Dakota saved approximately \$517,600 and avoided a costly state-by-state, institution-by-institution approach.
  - » **Tuition Reciprocity.** North Dakota students and their families who participated in the Midwest Student Exchange Program saved more than \$252,984.
  - » **Student Health Insurance.** 1,300 students at ten North Dakota institutions participated in MHEC's contract for student health insurance.
- ▶ **\$907,759 in total annual savings.** North Dakota colleges, universities, school districts, state and local governments, and students and their families realized more than \$907,759 in cost savings through MHEC's contracts and programs.
- ▶ **Open Educational Resources.** MHEC supported North Dakota in forming an open educational resources (OER) team and provided funds for a statewide OER conference in Bismarck.
- ▶ **Professional Development and Support.** Three North Dakota leaders attended MHEC's FAFSA Summit. Five technology leaders engaged in MHEC's free professional development and networking.
- ▶ **Research.** Research briefs developed in response to requests from commissioners and North Dakota higher ed leaders on topics including online education and promise programs.

## COMMISSIONERS



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The Midwestern Higher Education Compact seeks to improve individual career readiness and regional economic vitality through collective problem-solving and partnerships that strengthen postsecondary education. To achieve this vision, the Compact focuses its work in three strategic priority areas:

## **INCUBATE**

Advance innovation, efficiency & effectiveness

- » Serve as an incubator, studying challenging topics where MHEC can play a valuable role and piloting potential solutions.
- » Lead in expanding use and utility of open educational resources.
- » Respond rapidly to member states' requests for research on pressing topics such as workforce development, loan forgiveness programs, and college affordability.
- » Provide state-by-state data through an interactive dashboard on key performance indicators including preparation, participation, affordability, completion, finance, and workforce.

## **LAUNCH**

Develop collaborative solutions to regional problems and opportunities

- » Take on projects, issues and opportunities that are too big for one state to do alone, working jointly to improve higher education and to strengthen the Midwest region.
- » Convene and connect higher education leaders to navigate timely and critical issues facing higher education, such as FAFSA, distance education delivery, and tuition reciprocity.
- » Help Midwestern states navigate accreditation standards to meet the significant increase in demand for dual and concurrent enrollment.

## **SAVE**

Drive cost savings & business solutions

- » Leverage the combined technology needs of higher education institutions in member states to reach favorable agreements with technology vendors that result in tremendous time and cost savings.
- » Explore opportunities to serve risk management needs.
- » Offer affordable solutions that improve student well-being.