Report to Joint Appropriations Committee

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Overview

Northern State University

• Fall 2015 enrollment: 3,496
• Full-time equivalent: 2,035.1
• Undergraduate: 3,041
• Undergraduate full-time: 1,443
• Graduate: 455
• Graduate full-time: 58
• Student / faculty Ratio: 19:1
• Retention Fall 2014 to Fall 2015: 69.1%
• Enrollees from 42 states and 42 countries
Recognized Achievement

Accreditations

- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (final visit Feb. 1-2)
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Higher Learning Commission
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
Recognized Achievement

Awards

- 2016 Best Regional Colleges in the Midwest, US News & World Report
- 2016 Top Public Schools in the Midwest, US News & World Report
- 2016 Best Colleges for Veterans in the Midwest, US News & World Report
- 2016 Best Online Bachelor’s Programs, US News & World Report
- 2016 Military Friendly School by Victory Media
- 2016 Best in State Online College, Affordable Colleges Online
- 2016 Best Online Colleges in Accounting, Affordable Colleges Online
- 2015 Top 30 Attractive Yet Affordable College Campus, Affordable Schools
- 2015 Most Affordable Online Colleges for Bachelor’s Degrees, College Choice
- 2016 Best Colleges for Your Money, Money Magazine
Workforce Development

Largest Programs
• Elementary education
• Biology
• Music
• Business management

Newest Programs
• Agribusiness minor
• Chinese language (Mandarin)
• Environmental science
• Marketing minor
• Online accounting degree (B.S.)
• Public history minor
Growing Master’s Programs

Banking + Financial Services
• Addresses need for banking and finance skills throughout SD
• SD bank assets second highest in U.S. (19%)
• Courses offered face-to-face and online

Music Education
• Addresses critical teacher shortages in music education in SD
• Online to fit educators’ schedule demands
• Offers advanced skills to enhance music program quality
Student Success Initiatives

Title III Grant
• Academic achievement protocol
• Professional advisors offer focused support
• Enhance academic preparation ($1.9 million over 5 years)
• Identify intern and career placement opportunities
• Housed in each school / department / content area

Starfish Early Alert
• Early alert support tool
• Faculty participation: 91%
• Fall 2015 engagement:
  • Flags – 3,338
  • Kudos – 2,768
  • To Do’s – 665
  • Referrals – 6
  • Total – 6,777
Student Success Initiatives

TRIO Student Support Grant

• NSU Awarded $1.4 million TRIO Student Support Grant
• Five-year grant benefitting 165 students
• Provide academic advising, financial literacy, tutoring, peer mentoring, workshops and other mentoring
• Connect participants with career options and academic supports
Student Academic Highlights

Honors Program

• Freshman immersion course with common syllabus
• Common Read component with acclaimed author presentation
• 2015 author: Suki Kim, “Without You, There is No Us”
• More than 135 students currently enrolled
• 73 students have graduated In Honoribus since 2009
Student Academic Highlights

- Ami Umezawa – SD MTNA Young Artist award (piano)
- Haley Hubbard – Best Classical Acting award, Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region 5
- Jordan Abu-Sirriya – Gilman Scholarship to study Arabic in Amman, Jordan
- Chelsea Kerbaugh – Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Vietnam
Student Athletic Highlights

- Three NSU fall sports led the conference in All Academic honors
- Joe Gomez earned All-American in wrestling
- Breann Jackson, All-American in track and field
- Kelsey Chambers and Drew Smith, All-Americans in volleyball
- Sasha Hovind earned 4-time All-American honors in cross-country and track & field
Campus Improvements

Johnson Fine Arts Center Renovation

- $14 million - $5 million HEFF / $9 million private
- Main theater renovated
- Additions include black box theatre, art gallery, box office, classrooms and practice rooms

Greenhouse

- Completed August 2015
- $750,000 HEFF funding
- Includes: main plant area, two biotechnology chambers, automatic climate control systems, potting area and teaching classroom
Campus Improvements

FY16 M&R Projects Budgeted at $2.16 million

- $524,000 state appropriation
  - $210,000 academic building repairs
  - $313,923 classroom renovations and updates
- $1.47 million HEFF
  - Classroom renovations and upgrades to meet program needs
  - Campus infrastructure updates
  - Academic Building repairs and improvements
- $168,000 General Activity Fees
  - Updated Dacotah Hall Wellness Center
Maximize State Investment

Cost Savings Initiatives

• Print Management Savings
  • Optimized printer environment to increase efficiencies and reduce costs
  • Reduced print devices from 300 to 107
  • Eliminated 1 FTE (annual savings of $73,000)
  • Total estimated annual savings in printing costs: $60,000

• Childcare Center closing
  • Unable to achieve self-sustaining revenue
  • Space repurposed for student activities

• Underperforming programs eliminated
  • M.S. in Training and Development in E-Learning
  • B.S. in French Studies
Grant-Funded Initiatives

New and Continuing Initiatives

• Jump Start / First in the World Grant
• EPSCoR Grant to expand biotechnology research capabilities
• West Nile Virus research grant with Centers for Disease Control
• CEEDAR grant for educator development
• NSU-REU grant with SDSU and BHSU for environmental research
• Undergraduate Competitive Research Grant program
• Undergraduate Research Forum
Meeting SD Education Needs

NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning

• Since 2001, NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning has partnered with 98% of SD districts to meet critical education needs
• 1,200 students served from 92 school districts
• 24 daily Digital Dakota Network sections and 22 daily online class sections offered this year
• Completion rate: 83%
• Pass rate: 98%
Meeting SD Education Needs

South Dakota districts served by NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning