Bye, Volk, Hacker, and Mihalick voted yes.

3. Affordability Report

Ms. Brenda Zastoupil presented the aff<u>ordability report</u>. She explain ed the report displays key affordability factors within the NDUS system , cost s as well as various financia lly programs and student waivers that contribute to that overall affordability. The NDUS average tuition, fees, room and board cost s, including the d octoral masters and four -year universities were all below the regional comparisons and the two -year colleges. The report also summarizes federal aid state aid, institutional scholarships , and institutional waivers, as well as private scholarships during a five-year period . Student loans have declined while non repayable sources of aid have increased. The report shows

timeline of each legislative session . Institutional master plans can be brought back to the Board for consideration and/or approval to be altered as needed . Committee Chair Mihalick suggested the institutions periodically update the Board on the status of their plans.

6. Institutions Capital Projects

Mr. Rick Tonder informed the committee members that the institution c apital p rojects on today's agenda are the chancellor's recommendations for capital projects as part of the biennial budget request. They are being presented as information all only and will return at the June meeting for the committee's recommendation. He explained that the criterion for rankin g the projects is a combin1 (o)9.4 (f)5g2l.3 (d [(p)-8c)-14.6 0 Td3 Tw 4..4 (e)-TTw [(H7.6 (t)-2.3 (s)-1.5 ()]TJ 0.005 (e)-TT3).