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Table of Acronyms

ALFI	Access Line for Information	Web-based student information system hosted by NDUS
APAC	Academic Policy and Affairs Council	VPAA, division chairs, and librarian for academic policy issues
CCF	Council of College Faculties	NDUS representative faculty group for liaison to SBHE
CII	Center for Innovation in Instruction	VCSU affiliate, mission to improve teaching with technology (statewide, mainly K-12)
CIO	Chief Information Officer	Official in charge of information technologies on campus
CITE	Committee for Innovation and Technology in Education	VCSU ad hoc committee c. 1987-1993 that generated IT interest and activity
DAC10	Dakota Athletic Conference	Ten universities in the NAIA athletic conference for ND and SD
FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	Federal education grant agency
HECN	Higher Education Computing Network	NDUS centralized computing facilities and services, located at UND and NDSU
IT	Information technology	Computers, digital tools, and networks used to access and work with information
IIC	Institutional Improvement Committee	High level multi-constituency committee focusing on strategic planning and assessment
ITC	Information Technology Center	Office providing information technology services for faculty, staff, and students
IVN	Interactive Video Network	NDUS statewide system of two-way interactive video
KCLL	Kathryn Center for Lifelong Learning	VCSU department that oversees adventure learning and non-credit instruction
MIS/SIS	Management information system/student information system	Software and data bases that allow people to find and analyze information
MSU	Mayville State University	Public baccalaureate institution 75 miles from VCSU
MiSU	Minot State University	Public baccalaureate/master's institution 200 miles away
NAIA	National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics	The national athletic association to which the DAC10 conference belongs
NDSU	North Dakota State University	Public research university 60 miles away
NDUS	North Dakota University System	All public higher education entities in North Dakota, consisting of 10 institutions and one branch campus
NDUSO	North Dakota University System Online	Collaborative of NDUS institutions offering an online A.A. degree
OCM	Online course management	Software-enabled capability of managing courses online
PLA	Prior Learning Assessment	A formal system of identifying credit-worthy life experience
PT3	Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology	A federally funded grant project based at VCSU
RTC	Regional Technology Center	A new 20,000 s.f. facility for technology business incubation that also houses CII and the University's technology education program
SBHE	State Board of Higher Education	The governing board for all NDUS institutions
SPAC	Staff Personnel Advisory Committee	The representative organization for staff at VCSU
TAC	Technology Advisory Committee	The committee that plans IT development and equipment purchases for VCSU
UABCS	Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur	VCSU's partner university in La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico
UND	University of North Dakota	Public research university 120 miles away
URSE	Universidad Regional del Sureste	VCSU's partner university in Oaxaca, Mexico