

Summary of Proposed Action ND State Board of Higher Education Meeting – January 25, 2018

1. **Issue:** The University of North Dakota (UND) has submitted six Stage II requests to offer the following new programs:
 - Graduate Certificate in [Applied Economics](#), CIP Code 45.0602, via on-campus and distance delivery
 - Graduate Certificate in [Behavioral Data Analytics](#), CIP Code 13.0699, via on-campus and distance delivery
 - Graduate Certificate in [Cybersecurity and Behavior](#), CIP Code 30.3101, via on-campus and distance delivery
 - Graduate Certificate in [Learning Analytics](#), CIP Code 13.0699, via on-campus and distance delivery
 - Graduate Certificate in [Quantitative Research Methods](#), CIP Code 13.0603, via on-campus and distance delivery
 - Graduate Certificate, M.S. and M.Engr. in [Unmanned Aircraft Systems Engineering](#), CIP Code 14.2701, via on-campus and distance delivery
2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the six Stage II requests of UND to offer the above new programs.
3. **Background information:** The proposed graduate certificates are credentials that draw on existing courses and faculty resources. The certificates are an opportunity for students explore and document completion of a prescribed sequence of advanced courses in specific in-demand areas of expertise.
4. **Financial implications:** None cited.
5. **Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 403.1 *Program Approval* states: "Board approval is required for all new programs of study that designate a focused collection of instructional/ learning activities the completion of which signifies a level of competence which the awarding institution so designates by a notation on the front of the student transcript."
6. **Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the January 3, 2018 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.
7. **Coordination:** On January 3, 2018, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Stage II requests for review by the Chancellor's Cabinet and advance to the SBHE for approval/denial.
8. **Attachments:** The Stage II requests are attached.

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10. Chancellor's recommendation: Approved