

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
February 18, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education's Academic and Student Affairs Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. CT. The call originated on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the State Capitol, NDUS Conference Room, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND.

Chair Louters called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:

Ms. Jill Louters (Chair)  
Mr. Kaleb Dschaak

Others present:

Ms. Deanna Solhjem, CCF  
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS  
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS  
Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, NDUS  
Ms. Billie Jo Lorus, NDUS  
Mr. Chris Erickson, NDUS  
Mr. Eric Olson, Assistant Attorney General

1. **Agenda**

Dschaak moved to approve the agenda.

Dschaak and Louters voted yes.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Dschaak moved to approve the January 21, 2020, meeting minutes.

Dschaak and Louters voted yes.

3. **NDSU Tenure**

Ms. Johnson reviewed the proposal of two [tenure](#) requests from NDSU.

Dschaak moved to recommend approval.

Dschaak and Louters voted yes.

4. **Policy 515 ND Student Association**

Mr. Olson reviewed the proposed new [policy 515](#), ND Student Association. He has worked closely with Ms. Johnson and Mr. Dschaak on the drafting the policy. They attended a ND Student Association meeting to further discuss, along with more recent follow-up conversations with Mr. Dschaak to ensure it meets the needs of NDSA. The proposed policy establishes the North Dakota Student Association as a functionally independent entity, with limited SBHE oversight over the NDSA fee and facilitates compliance with laws and regulations. It also covers the required areas to permit NDSA delegates to access state fleet vehicles and other NDUS shared services during the pendency

of these issues. In effect, the policy establishes a way for the NDSA to continue functioning as they always have. As written, the policy will expire at the end of this fiscal biennium, July 1, 2021.

Mr. Dschaak expressed appreciation for the time and attention that Ms. Johnson and Mr. Olson has given the NDSA. He indicated that ten out of eleven campus representatives participated in a non-binding vote at a past meeting and another meeting will be taking place this week for ratification of approval from the NDSA to the SBHE.

Mr. Dschaak moved to recommend approval of waiving 1<sup>st</sup> reading, approving 2<sup>nd</sup>, and final adoption of policy 515.

Dschaak and Louters voted yes.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the following academic requests:

**Program Termination(s) (final approval by SBHE ASAC):**

5. MiSU – [Minor in Political Science](#), CIP Code 45.1001

**New Program Request(s) (final approval by SBHE ASAC)**

6. MaSU – [B.S. in Agribusiness](#), CIP Code 01.0102
7. MiSU – [M.S. in Disability Human Services](#), CIP Code 05.0210

**UND:**

8. UND – B.S.Ed. in Indigenous Language Education, CIP Code 13.1306
9. UND – Minor in English Language Learner (ELL) Education, CIP Code 13.1401
10. UND – UG Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder, CIP Code 13.1013
11. UND – UG Certificate in Special Education, CIP Code 13.1001
12. UND – Minor in Professional Sales, CIP Code 52.1804

Dschaak moved to approve academic requests, items 5 – 12.

Dschaak and Louters voted yes.

**13. Policy 605.3 (Informational Only)**

Ms. Johnson stated [policy 605.3](#), Nonrenewal, Termination or Dismissal of Faculty, is for informational purposes only to remind committee members of the sunset clause.

**14. Student Behavioral Health Update**

Mr. Dschaak indicated the system office has a working group, including campus representatives and students to gather feedback on the needs to provide adequate counseling for students on campus. Specifically, how and what services to provide and the funding necessary to meet those needs. Ms. Fitzsimmons will also be conducting a system wide survey to collect information and to gather the budget needs of each campus as they relate to student behavioral health. Continuing the telemedicine program that is currently in place is an option; however, face-to-face counseling is the preferred method by many students. The system office will be working with Ms. Pam Sagness from the North Dakota Department of Human Services to highlight areas of overlap and to identify areas that would need more attention, staffing, and/or funding. From there, the system office will determine what needs/request merit legislative action. Mr. Dschaak and the system office will continue to work with the committee on possibly having student behavioral health as a topic at the June SBHE meeting for discussion.

**15. Instructional Consistency/Flood Concerns Information**

Ms. Lisa Johnson informed the committee that discussions regarding possible campus flooding have begun and she will keep the committee informed as spring thaw approaches.

**16. Update on Open Educational Resources (OER) Conference**

Ms. Johnson stated there will be an [Open Educational Resources \(OER\) Conference](#) in Fargo on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**17. Update on Digital Accessibility Conference, Fargo IVN/Bismarck IVN Sites**

Ms. Johnson stated there will be [Digital Accessibility Conference, Fargo](#)) Conference on March 9<sup>th</sup> and there will be Fargo and Bismarck IVN Sites available.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. CT.

Approved April 21, 2020.