

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

June 29, 2020, Special Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Audit Committee met Monday, June 29, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CT, via conference call originated from the State Capitol, 10th Conference room, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND, 58505.

Chair Neset called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Audit Committee members participating:

Ms. Kathleen Neset
Mr. Tim Mihalick
Mr. Don Morton

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Hagerott
Ms. Robin Putnam, NDUS
Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS
Ms. Krista Lambrecht, NDUS
Ms. Karol Riedman, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Ms. Tammy Dolan, NDUS
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS

Others participating:

President Richman, NDSCS
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office
Mr. Chris Pieske, AG Office

1. Agenda

Morton moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the agenda.

Morton, Mihalick, and Neset voted yes.

2. North Dakota State College of Science Oversight/Audit Plan

Chancellor Hagerott reviewed the [North Dakota State College of Science Audit Plan](#) that the SBHE directed him to oversee beyond his normal supervision of President Richman and NDSCS campus at the June 2019 SBHE meeting. The oversight plan has been reviewed over the course of the year. President Richman and NDSCS provided Chancellor Hagerott with updates to the action plan, the updates were reviewed by leadership at the system office. The Chancellor, system

office leadership, President Richman, and other NDSCS representatives worked through the individual components to complete the SBHE request. He further explained that NDSCS will go before the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee (LAFRC) in July. He will keep the committee informed if any follow-up from that meeting needs to take place.

Chair Neset expressed she still has concerns with the climate/environment on the NDSCS campus and requests to review the last campus climate survey and have the next climate survey be reviewed by the committee to determine if further action is needed. NDSCS indicated the next survey would come available in 2021 due to the time it takes to administer, review, and compile. The committee recommended another survey be completed at a sooner date, if possible.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. CT.

Approved September 16, 2020.