North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
August 27, 2020, Special Meeting Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 3:15 p.m. via Teams Live.

Chair Hacker called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Members participating:
- Mr. Nick Hacker, Chair
- Ms. Erica Solberg
- Dr. Jill Louters
- Ms. Danita Bye
- Ms. Retha Mattern, Staff Adviser

Dr. Casey Ryan, Vice Chair
Ms. Kathleen Neset
Mr. Tim Mihalick
Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, Faculty Adviser

Chancellor present: Dr. Mark Hagerott

Institution Representatives Present:
- Dr. Brian Van Horn, President, MaSU
- Dr. Steve Shirley, President, MiSU
- Dr. John Miller, President, WSC
- Dr. Jerry Migler, Dean, DCB
- Dr. Doug Darling, President, LRSC
- Dr. John Richman, President, NDSCS
- Dr. Dean Bresciani, President, NDSU
- Dr. Doug Jensen, President, BSC
- Mr. Stephen Easton, President, DSU
- Dr. Andy Armacost, President, UND
- Dr. Alan LaFave, President, VCSU

NDUS Senior Staff Participating:
- Mr. Tammy Dolan, Vice Chancellor for Admin/CFO
- Ms. Lisa Johnson, Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs
- Mr. Darin King, Vice Chancellor of IT/CIO
- Ms. Terry Meyer, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Kristie Hetzler, Executive Assistant to the State Board of Higher Education
- Mr. Jerry Rostad, Interim Vice Chancellor of Strategy and Strategic Engagement

Others Participating:
- Mr. Eric Olson, Attorney General’s Office
- Dr. Joshua Wynne, UND
- Mr. Vern Dosch, Department of Health

1. Meeting Minutes
Louters moved, Solberg seconded, to approve the July 23, 2020, meeting minutes.

Neset, Louters, Bye, Mihalick, Solberg, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.
2. **Update on NDUS Smart Restart Task Force**

Dr. Joshua Wynne provided an update on the NDUS Smart Restart Task Force. He gave his perspective on where the state stood for active cases, testing, etc., and how the system has acted so far. The Board discussed that North Dakota testing has been robust and the North Dakota University System (NDUS) will stay that course. They expressed continued awareness of the vital care for students, faculty, staff and our campus communities. They also discussed national and international data/rates, the number of cases that tested positive without symptoms, turn around time for test results, if hot spots were able to be predicted, and other COVID-19 related topics.

3. **Cares Act Funding Update**

Ms. Tammy Dolan provided an update on the Cares Act Funding and expressed gratitude to the governor and legislature for the additional funding that allowed the NDUS to continue operating safely. She indicated the money had helped fund medical/protective supplies, services/staffing, equipment, including expanded cleaning and disinfection of public areas and facilities, bipolar ionic equipment and enhanced HVAC filtration; and also allowed for expanded behavioral health & tele-mental health services.

Board members agreed the Governor and State officials were key in keeping the campuses and communities safe and expressed their appreciation.

4. **Strategic Plan**

Mr. Jerry Rostad reviewed goals three, four, and five, of the strategic plan. The Board will discuss the goals at the SBHE retreat/future meeting.

a. Overview goal #3 and board discussion
b. Overview goal #4 and board discussion
c. Overview goal #5 and board discussion

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. CT.

Approved September 24, 2020.