

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	Dr. Casey Ryan, Vice Chair
Ms. Erica Solberg	Ms. Kathleen Neset
Dr. Jill Louters	Mr. Tim Mihalick
Ms. Danita Bye	Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, Faculty Adviser
Ms. Retha Mattern, Staff 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.