

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
September 16, 2020, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

The State Board of Higher Education Governance Committee met Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 3:15 p.m. CT., via Teams.

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. CT.

SBHE Research Committee members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair
Ms. Kathleen Neset
Ms. Danita Bye

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott, NDUS
Mr. Ryan Jockers, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
Ms. Tammy Dolan, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Mr. Darin King, NDUS

Others Participating:

Mr. Steve Burian
Mr. Bryan Nermoe
Mr. Mark Nisbet
Mr. Levi Andrist
Mr. Delore Zimmerman
Mr. Jeff VanLooy
President Shirley, MiSU
President Armacost, UND
President Bresciani, NDSU
Dr. John Mihelich, UND
Dr. Jane Schuh, NDSU
Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
Dr. Laura Gellar, MiSU
Dr. Heidi Super, MiSU
Dr. Bryan Schmidt, MiSU
Ms. Shana Forster, Center Director NDSU North Central Research Extension Center, Minot
Mr. Rod Ballinger, Co-Founder, Bear Creek Winery

1. **Agenda**

And;

2. **August 12, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

Bye moved, Neset seconded, to approve the agenda and the August 12, 2020, meeting minutes, items 1 and 2.

Bye, Neset, and Ryan voted yes.

3. MiSU Research Overview/Presentation

Dr. Heidi Super and Dr. Bryan Schmidt gave presentations on [MiSU Research projects](#). The presentation covered a wide variety of research components, including, but not limited to the following:

- o Broad student engagement
- o Grant activity, including millions in federal/state funding since 7/19
 - Of this, \$400K has funded non-public service, non-instructional research
- o Publications
- o Divisions of science research activity
 - Geology
 - Chemistry

4. NDSU Development, Production and Evaluation of Cold Hardy Grapes

Dr. Shana Forster, Center Director NDSU North Central Research Extension Center (REC), Minot and Dr. Rod Ballinger, Co-Founder, Bear Creek Winery, Fargo, President, WAND, presented on development, production and evaluation of [Cold Hardy Grapes](#). They reviewed the vision of the ND grape and wine industry. The industry ability to expand, improve the quality of life for North Dakotans, increase tourism, revitalize rural communities.

After questions and answers from all presenters, Chair Ryan stated the committee requests the other campuses present during upcoming meetings to give each campus an opportunity to present research initiatives. The October agenda will include a presentation from UND and NDSU. Committee members noted that hearing from all institutions will be helpful to understand the overall research initiatives, plan, and funding options to be considered. Funding for all institutions will be vital for the state-wide initiative and be included in the proposal moving forward.

Dr. Ryan requested that President Bresciani and President Armacost work collaboratively to clarify language in the proposal regarding the funding and identify dollar amounts for the committee to consider adding into the proposal. They also requested the Chancellor work with stakeholders outside the University System for input and to include Chair Ryan and Dr. Demuth in those meetings.

Ms. Hetzler will work with CTS to post the presentations to the NDUS website and distribute presenters contact information to the committee for any follow-up inquiries.

5. Discussion on Research Excellence and Innovation

Dr. Ryan stated there will be further discussions and a request for input from all stake holders on research excellence and innovation prior to the Board's retreat and/or the Board's strategic planning session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. CT.

Approved October 21, 2020.