

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

September 24, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. CT, via Teams Live.

Chair Hacker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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, NDUS  
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS  
Mr. Darin King, NDUS  
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS  
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS  
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS

Others Participating:

Mr. Eric Olson, Attorney General's Office  
Dr. Joshua Wynne, UND  
Mr. Vern Dosch, Department of Health  
Ms. Melissa Thorpe, TIAA Representative  
Mr. Colby Lowell, TIAA Representative

1. **Agenda**

Ryan moved, Solberg seconded, to approve the agenda.

Neset, Louters, Bye, Mihalick, Solberg, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.

**Board Consent** (items 2 - 6)

2. August 27, 2020, Meeting Minutes

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee

3. UND increase spending authorization and expanded scope of third floor renovation of [O'Kelly Hall](#) from \$2,750,000 to \$3,700,000
4. Ratify Chancellor's approval of [WSC's transfer of \\$500,000](#), from the NDUS System Office Tier III capital building fund appropriation line to the WSC capital building fund appropriation line.
5. Request authorization for UND to [enter into an agreement](#) by and between UND Alumni Association & Foundation and the Grand Forks Growth Fund for a grant in the amount of \$1,333,333 to be used in the construction of Nistler Hall, and to approve the cost-free, 50-year lease to the City of Grand Forks for the creation of a City Workforce Center in Nistler Hall.

SBHE Audit Committee

6. [Audit Plan Draft](#)

Neset moved, Ryan seconded, to approve consent items 2 -6.

Solberg, Neset, Louters, Bye, Mihalick, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.

7. **NDUS Smart Restart Task Force Update**

Dr. Joshua [Wynne](#) and Mr. Vern [Dosch](#) provided an update on the NDUS Smart Restart Task Force. The presentations can be viewed at <https://ndus.edu/sbhe/sbhe-presentations/>

Ms. Lisa Johnson reviewed the following policies, items 8, 9, and 10:

8. **Policy 403.7, Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, [policy 403.7](#) Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits.

Louters moved, Bye seconded, to approve 1st reading of policy 403.7.

Louters, Mihalick, Bye, Solberg, Neset, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.

9. **Policy 402.2, First Year Applicants - Baccalaureate Programs**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, [Policy 402.2](#) First Year Applicants - Baccalaureate Programs.

Louters moved, Bye seconded, to approve 1st reading of policy 402.2.

Bye, Solberg, Louters, Mihalick, Neset, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.

10. **Policy 505, International Student Health Insurance**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, [policy 505](#) International Student Health Insurance.

Ryan moved, Louters seconded, to approve first reading of policy 505.

Mihalick, Solberg, Louters, Bye, Neset, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.

**11. Policy 611.1, Employee Responsibility and Activities: Medical Service Plan-UND Medical School**

Ms. Jane Grinde reviewed [policy 611.1](#) Employee Responsibility and Activities: Medical Service Plan-UND Medical School. She noted other full-time faculty references within the policy have been removed.

Ryan moved, Louters seconded, to approve first reading of policy 611.1.

Louters, Bye, Neset, Mihalick, Solberg, Ryan, and Hacker voted yes.

**12. Waiver to Policy 1203.1 Digital Accessibility**

Mr. Darin King explained the need for a waiver to policy 1203.1, Digital Accessibility.

moved, seconded, to approve the waiver allowing a delay of the implementation of SBHE Policy 1203.1, Digital Accessibility until January 1, 2021.

Neset, Ryan, Louters, Bye, Solberg, Mihalick, and Hacker voted yes.

**13. NDUS Foundation Appointments**

Chancellor Hagerott reviewed a proposal for the appointments to the [NDUS Foundation](#).

Solberg moved, Neset seconded, to approve the following appointment and reappointments to the NDUS Foundation:

- o Mr. John Backes, Attorney, McGee Law Firm for a four-year re-appointment
- o Mr. Mike Warner, Founder/Board of Governors Pedigree Technology for a four-year re-appointment
- o Mr. Steven Shirley, President Minot State University, four-year appointment (replacement for Larry Skogen, Former President Bismarck State College)
- o Ms. Danita Bye, Member, State Board of Higher Education, to be consistent with her SBHE term
- o Mr. Steven Shirley, President Minot State University, four-year appointment (replacement for Larry Skogen, Former President Bismarck State College)

**14. Chancellor's 2020-21 Goals**

Chair Hacker and Chancellor Hagerott reviewed the [Chancellor's 2020-21 goals](#). The Board discussed the current pandemic has impacted goals system-wide and at all levels of faculty and staff. The Board and the Chancellor agreed that goals system-wide may be adjusted as the system navigates through the pandemic.

**15. 2021 SBHE Meeting Schedule**

Chair Hacker [2021 SBHE Meeting Schedule](#) informed the Board members that the attached schedule of meetings could be adjusted to incorporate face-to-face meetings, dependent on the status of the current pandemic.

**16. TIAA, Retirement Plan, Business Review, and Board Member Fiduciary Training**

TIAA Representatives, Melissa Thorpe, Relationship Manager and Colby Lowell, Director/ Institutional Investment Strategy, provided an overview and training the current retirement plans that are approved by the Board.

**SBHE Committee Reports/Updates/Discussion:**

17. SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee report was provided by Dr. Jill Louters.

18. SBHE Budget and Finance Committee report was provided by Mr. Tim Mihalick.

19. SBHE Audit Committee report was provided by Ms. Kathleen Neset.
20. SBHE Research and Governance Committee report was provided by Dr. Casey Ryan.

21. **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Hagerott reviewed the [presidential evaluations/goals of the four-year Presidents](#). He stated more [details are linked](#) within the summary page of his evaluation documentation, item fourteen. He has approved the Presidents' goals, and then built his goals to encompass oversight of the Presidents' goal achievement, advancement of the colleges and universities in the system.

22. **Fall Enrollment Update**

Dr. Jen Weber provided a [fall enrollment update](#).

23. **Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Jerry Rostad provided an update on the current strategic plan and next steps that include reaching out to individual Board members for more input prior to a strategic planning event. The event is planned to take place as soon as a face to face meeting is acceptable.

24. **Joint Boards Meeting Overview**

Dr. Jill Louters provided information discussed at the recent Joint Boards meeting; the Board consists of State Board of Career and Technical Education, State Board of Public School Education, State Board of Higher Education, and the Education Standards and Practices Board. The Joint Boards meeting once a year on topic involving collaboration.

**Career & Technical Education Center (CTE) in Minot**

Mr. Mihalick explained the need to create a Career & Technical Education Center in Minot and indicated there has been ongoing discussions led by Mayor Shaun Sipma who appointed, Lisa Olson, President of Minot City Council, to chair a committee. Some others that have become involved are the City of Minot, Trinity Health, Minot State University/Dakota College of Bottineau, National Disaster Resiliency Fund/John Zakian -MADC/John MacMartin. The project has been in the discussion phase for several years, and with HUD's release of funds could move plans forward and to continue to work together with all our partners to bring to the community.

**Other Reports:**

25. [NDSA report](#) was provided by Ms. Erica Solberg.
26. CCF report was provided by Dr. Elizabeth Legerski.
27. Staff Senate report was provided by Ms. Retha Mattern; she noted the staff senate has created a [NDSSS Website](#) and it is now live! She encouraged others to share out. Within the next couple of months, there should be more content and ways to interact with the site.
28. Please use the Contact Us form on the homepage if you have updates, suggestions, or questions. We've also enabled the ability to submit your monthly Campus Updates from the Latest Campus Updates page.
29. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. CT.

Approved October 29, 2020.