North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
January 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on January 19th at 11:00 a.m. CT, via Teams/conf. call.

Chair Louters called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:
Dr. Jill Louters (Chair)
Ms. Erica Solberg
Dr. John Warford
Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, SBHE Faculty Advisor

Campus Representatives: DCB – Larry Brooks, NDSU – Margaret Fitzgerald, DSU – Deb Dragseth, UND – Debbie Storrs, MaSU – Tami Such and Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Harvey Link, BSC – Dan Leingang,


1. Agenda
   The Committee added a discussion regarding possible upcoming legislative bills and a discussion on the NDUS Strategic Plan.

   Solberg moved, Warford seconded to approve the agenda as discussed.

   Warford, Solberg and Louters voted yes.

2. Meeting Minutes
   Solberg moved, Louters seconded, to approve the November 17, 2020, meeting minutes.

   Solberg, Warford and Louters voted yes.

Academic Requests:
Program Termination(s) (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)

3. UND Program Termination
   UND – Ph.D. in Engineering

4. NDSU Program Termination
   NDSU:
   a. NDSU – B.A. in Emergency Management
   b. NDSU – B.A. in Physical Education

   Member Solberg inquired what the purpose of removing the BA option from a major and UND representative(s) explained that currently the enrollment and interest in the program was limited and students preferred other options to UND offered towards the career path.
Solberg moved, Warford seconded, to approve UND and NDSU program terminations, items 3 and 4.

Warford, Solberg, and Louters voted yes.

New Program(s) (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)
5. **NDSCS New Program – UG Certificate in Autonomous Systems Technology**  
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6. **UND New Program – UG Certificate in Creative Writing**  
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7. **BSC New Program – UG Certificate in Mobile Application Development**  
   BSC – UG Certificate in Mobile Application Development
8. **MaSU New Programs:**  
   a. MaSU – M.Ed. in Education  
   b. MaSU – GR Certificate in Educational Studies  
   c. MaSU – GR Certificate in Special Education

Solberg moved, Warford seconded, to approve NDSCS, UND, BSC, and MaSU new programs, items 5–8.

Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

9. **Demo on Burning Glass – New Program Requests**  
   Mr. Ryan Jockers provided a demonstration on the following software.  
   a. [Introduction to Burning Glass](#)  
   b. [New Program Request: Report Example](#)  
   c. [Dakota Digital Academy: Marketing Example](#)

Added items:

**Strategic Plan/Planning Process:**  
Chair Louters indicated that behavioral health remains as a priority and the committee will continue to discuss the current and future needs and/or resources on campuses. The topic will be on the spring/summer SBHE strategic planning session; more information will be provided when those logistics have been determined.

The committee members also discussed legislative bills related to students, academics, staff and faculty, and campuses. Further discussion regarding the legislative bills will take place at a future meeting when more information is available.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. CT.

Approved February 16, 2021.