

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

October 29, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. CT., via Teams Live.

Chair Hacker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Members participating:

Mr. Nick Hacker, Chair	Ms. Kathleen Neset
Ms. Erica Solberg	Mr. Tim Mihalick
Dr. Jill Louters	Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, Faculty Adviser
Ms. Danita Bye	
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  
Mr. Lloyd Halverson, 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

1. **Agenda**

Mihalick moved, Louters seconded, to approve the agenda.

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

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Bye moved, Solberg seconded, to approve the September 24, 2020.

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

3. **Update on NDUS Smart Restart Task Force**

[NDUS Smart Restart Task Force update](#) was presented by Dr. Joshua Wynne.

4. **Presentation of COVID-19 Student Video Challenge**

President Armacost presented awards from the NDUS Foundation and Governor Burgum's Office to [the winners of the campus COVID-19 video challenge](#).

- a. Page Schoer, Easton Hoffman, and Parker Stenseth

Ms. Lisa Johnson reviewed Policy [403.7](#), Policy [402.2](#), and Policy [505](#) for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

5. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Policy 403.7 Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits**

The Board confirmed that student transfers will remain fluid and flexible, the amendment will not create any obstacles for students and/or campus staff.

Louters moved, Bye seconded, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of policy 403.7 and re-number to policy 460.

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

6. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Policy 402.2 First Year Applicants - Baccalaureate Programs**

Mihalick moved, Bye seconded, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of policy 402.2.

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

7. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Policy 505 International Student Health Insurance**

Louters moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of policy 505.

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

Ms. Jane Grinde reviewed [policy 611.1](#).

8. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Policy 611.1 Employee Responsibility and Activities: Medical Service Plan-UND Medical School**

Bye moved, Solberg seconded, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of policy 611.1.

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

Ms. Lisa Johnson reviewed proposed amendments for first reading of [Policy 403.5](#).

9. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Policy 403.5 Secondary-Postsecondary Articulation Agreements, Dual Credit Postsecondary Enrollment Options – Renumbered and retitled to Policy 469 College Credit in High School**

Bye moved, Solberg seconded, to approve the September 24, 2020.

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

10. **NDUS Retirement Plan**

Ms. Tammy Dolan and Ms. Jane Grinde reviewed proposed amendments to the [NDUS Retirement Plan](#) Administration and Recommendations. The NDUS Retirement Plan Oversight Committee recommends: distribution of revenue credit, set loan limits to three (3) for NDUS 403(b) supplemental retirement plans, and add a money market fund option to the NDUS investment menu.

The Board requested the Budget and Finance Committee continue discussing how to proceed with future recommendations, structure, and limitations.

Mihalick moved, Neseť seconded, to approve the NDUS Oversight Committee recommendations as presented.

Solberg, Bye, Mihalick, Neseť, Louters, and Hacker voted yes.

11. **WSC Presidential Search**

Mihalick moved, Louters seconded, to authorize Chancellor Mark Hagerott, in consultation with Williston State College and SBHE Leadership, to hire a consultant to assist with the search for the next president of WSC, and further to appoint Ms. Kathleen Neseť to serve on the search committee for the next President of WSC.

Mihalick, Neseť, Louters, Solberg, Bye, and Hacker voted yes.

**SBHE Committee Reports/Updates/Discussion**

- 12. SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee report was provided by Dr. Jill Louters.
- 13. SBHE Research and Governance Committee report was provided by Ms. Kathleen Neseť.

**Chancellor Report**

- 14. Implementation of Advanced Desktop Protection  
Mr. Darin King provided information on the implementation of advanced desktop protection and indicated that more details will be communicated at a later date.
- 15. Dakota Digital Academy (DDA)  
Chancellor Hagerott briefed the Board on the Dakota Digital Academy and noted more information will be provided after December 31<sup>st</sup>; it will be dependant on CARES funding and other funding resources is more clear.
- 16. Legislative Session  
Ms. Tammy Dolan informed the Board the system is working through the upcoming processes, logistics, and other details for legislation session. She will report back at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 17. ECOR Study  
Chancellor Hagerott thanked President LaFave for taking the lead of the ECOR Study. President LaFave will give the Board of status report at their December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Other Reports:**

- 18. NDSA report was provided by Ms. Erica Solberg
- 19. CCF report was provided by Dr. Elizabeth Legerski.
- 20. Ms. Retha Mattern stated the Staff Senate update has been posted to their live website and the latest campus updates are also posted at: <https://staffsenate.ndus.edu/>; click on the "Latest Campus Updates" icon.

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Public Comment – No public comment.

Approved December 17, 2020.