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**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
November 18, 2020, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. CT, via teams and/or conference call.

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:00 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. Tammy Dolan, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Mr. Darin King, NDUS

Others Participating:

Mr. Levi Andrist
Mr. Jim Galloway
Mr. Delore Zimmerman
Dr. Diana D'Amico Pawlewicz, UND
President Armacost, UND
President Bresciani, NDSU
Dr. John Mihelich, UND
Dr. Jane Schuh, NDSU
Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
President LaFave, VCSU
Dr. Katie Woehl, VCSU
Dr. Andre Delorme, VCSU
Dr. Casey Williams, VCSU
Dr. Hilde van Gijssel, VCSU
Dr. Emily Fenster, VCSU
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office

1. **Agenda**

And;

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Bye moved, Neset seconded, to approve the agenda and October 21, 2020, meeting minutes.

Neset, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

Research Items:

3. **[VCSU Research Presentation](#)**

The following presenting on Valley City State College Research:

- Dr. LaFave, President VCSU
- Dr. Andre Delorme, Chair, Science Department, VCSU Macroinvertebrate Lab
- Dr. Casey Williams, Associate Professor, Fisheries and Wildlife, ND Game and Fish
- Dr. Hilde van Gijssel, Professor, EPSCoR & INBRE
- Dr. Emily Fenster, Associate Professor, Sociology, SOAR

4. **Discussion on Metrics**

Drs. Demuth and Schuh opened the discussion regarding [campus research metrics](#). The members discussed the attached metrics that was last updated March and concluded the information needs a review and possible amendments. The discussion on metrics will be continued at their January meeting and remain as a standing agenda item until further notice by the Committee Chair.

5. **Goal 5 – Research Excellence and Innovation**

Mr. Ryan Jockers reviewed SBHE [goal 5 - Research Excellence and Innovation](#). The committee members discussed a tentative approach for presenting to legislation in the next few months. The Chair requested that members contact Ryan.jockers@ndus.edu if they have additional follow-up questions/concerns. Mr. Jockers will keep the Committee Chair apprised of additional input and the committee will re-visit at a future meeting.

6. **Discuss Current and Ongoing Research Initiatives**

This topic was covered in agenda items four and five.

Governance Items:

7. **Board Self-Assessment Prioritization**

Ms. Krista Lambrecht reviewed the compiled input from the SBHE members that filled out the [Board Self-Assessment](#) form earlier this year. The committee discussed and agreed it would be a fluid working document and more input from all board members is necessary due to the length of time that has passed since it was submitted. The committee noted the COVID-19 pandemic became a top priority and caused some of the delay.

8. **NDUS-IT Strategic Plan 2021-2023**

Mr. Darin King reviewed the [proposed NDUS-IT 2021-2023 Strategic Plan](#). The IT plan identifies the strategic direction for all the institutions (system-wide), including four goals that align with the NDUS Strategic Plan and five key strategic themes that will guide the activities across all NDUS institutions. It will continue to provide a solid technical foundation for the future.

Bye moved, Neset seconded, to recommend approval of the NDUS-IT Strategic Plan as presented.

Neset, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm. CT.

Approved December 16, 2020.