

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**  
February 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m. CT, via Teams Live.

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. John Warford
Ms. Retha Mattern, Staff Adviser	Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, Faculty 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. Jane Vangsness Frisch, NDSCS  
Dr. Dean Bresciani, President, NDSU  
Dr. Doug Jensen, President, BSC  
Dr. Stephen Easton, President, DSU  
Mr. Rob Carolin, 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  
Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS  
Ms. Robin Putnam, NDUS  
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS

Others Participating:

Dr. Joshua Wynne  
Rev. James Cheney, how about we go with NDSU Newman Center

1. **Agenda**

Ryan moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**The following presentations were given:**

2. [COVID-19 Update](#)
  - Dr. Joshua Wynne
  - [Spring plans](#) (commencement, sports, events, audience sizes, Spring 2021 Census Headcounts)– Mr. Jerry Rostad
  - [NDUS Institutions' Covid-19 Testing Strategy](#) – Ms. Karol Riedman
  - [Board Member's request from Jan. meeting](#): -- Mr. Jerry Rostad
    - *Emotional and physical wellbeing:*
    - *Community Involvement:*
    - *Flexibility:*

**Board Consent** (items 3 - 8)

3. [Updated 2021 SBHE Schedule of Meetings](#)
4. Meeting Minutes:
  - a. January 28, 2021
  - b. December 17, 2020

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee

5. Ratify Chancellor's approval of a \$2,750,000 [transfer of the NDUS System Office Tier III](#) capital building fund appropriation line to the NDSU and NDSCS capital building fund appropriation lines.
6. Resolution approving the issuance of [WSC Housing and Auxiliary facilities revenue refunding](#) bond, Series 2021 and authorizing the execution of an indenture of trust, Bond purchase agreement and related documents.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee

7. Extension of Waivers of the following Policies through Summer 2023:
  - [SBHE Policies 402.1, 402.1.1 and 402.2](#)

SBHE Audit Committee

8. **Chief Audit Executive Hire**  
[Chief Audit Executive hire](#)

Louters moved, Ryan seconded, to approve the consent agenda, items 3 – 8.

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

9. **UND Rename High Performance Center**

UND Chief of Staff, Mr. Rob Carolin, presented a proposal to [re-name UND's High Performance Center to the Fritz Pollard Jr. Athletic Center](#).

UND President, Mr. Andrew Armacost was unable to attend today's SBHE meeting; Mr. Carolin provided a quote by President Armacost, "We do not take naming a building lightly. With Fritz Pollard Jr.'s name attached to the High Performance Center, we are telling our student-athletes and the community that we are incredibly proud of this remarkable alumnus. His accomplishments as a student-athlete, an Olympian, a veteran, and in life are something to hold up as admirable and worthy of historical recognition."

Mihalick moved, Ryan seconded, to approve UND's request to re-name the High Performance Center as the Fritz Pollard Jr. Athletic Center.

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

10. **SBHE Self-Assessment**

Dr. Ryan, the Chair of the SBHE Research and Governance Committee presented the [top 3 priorities](#) the committee recommends for the full Board to focus on during the remaining 2021 year and into 2022. The recommendations are based on full Board input and committee discussions that occurred over the last several months. He explained the process that was taken and recommended the priorities remain fluid for flexibility, as another priority may arise. He noted that more face-to-face meetings and communication between the Chancellor and all individual Board members also rose to the top; however, both of those are currently being met. The Board is meeting face-to-face in April, May, and June. The Chancellor has agreed to continue his routine communications with individual Board members.

Ryan moved, Neset seconded, to approve the 3 top priorities of the SBHE Self-Assessment as presented and maintain it as a fluid document.

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

11. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Policy 1901.3, Information Technology Project Management**

Mr. Darin King reviewed proposed amendments to [Policy 1901.3](#), Information Technology Project Management.

Mihalick moved, Ryan seconded, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy 1901.3.

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

12. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Policy 403.1, Academic Program Requests**

Ms. Lisa Johnson reviewed proposed amendments to [Policy 403.1](#), Academic Program Requests.

Louters moved, Solberg seconded, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy 403.1.

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

Ms. Grinde stated that no additional amendments were offered since the approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the following HR Policies, items 13 a – f.

13. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, [Amend the following HR Policies](#)**

- a. [HR20 Other Paid Leave](#)
- b. [HR23 Resignations](#)
- c. [HR25 Job Discipline-Dismissed](#)
- d. [HR26 Termination Procedures](#)
- e. [HR27 Appeal Procedure](#)
- f. [HR28 Grievance Procedures](#)

Mihalick moved, Ryan seconded, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of HR Policies 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 28.

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

Ms. Grinde stated that no additional amendments were offered since the approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Policies 806.1, 706.3, and HR 31.

14. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**, Amend [Policy 806.1](#) – Payment or Reimbursement of Meals and other Travel or Institutional Expenses
15. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**, Delete Policies [706.3](#), Authorization for Travel and [HR 31](#), Travel Expenses

Ryan moved, Neseť seconded, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of Policies 806.1, 706.3, and HR 31.

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

Mr. Krebsbach presented the following three policies (or however you want to state this)

16. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**, Amend [Policy 802.6](#) – Budget Management and Control
17. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**, Amend [Policy 805.6](#) – Room and Board Charges
18. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**, Amend [Policy 806.2](#) – Staff and Faculty Recruitment Expenses

Ryan moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of Policies 802.6, 805.6, and 806.2.

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

19. **Review of Strategic Planning Components and Process**

Mr. Jerry Rostad reviewed the [components and process for the May SBHE strategic planning session](#). He reminded Board members of the delay on the regular scheduled strategic planning due to the COVID pandemic and not being able to be in-person. Many steps have been taken to circle back to gather as much input as possible, including a system-wide survey. The strategic planning session will take place on May 26, 2021.

20. **SBHE Research and Governance Committee Update** provided by Dr. Casey Ryan

21. **SBHE Budget and Finance Committee Update** provided by Mr. Tim Mihalick

- [Tuition Waiver Report](#) presented by Ms. Brenda Zastoupil.

22. **SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee Update** provided by Dr. Jill Louters, Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, and Father Cheney:

- [NDSWAPS Summary and NDUS Supports for Behavioral Health](#) presented by Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons
- Faith-Based Student Supports presented by Father Cheney/Newman Center
  - additional resources: [Spiritual Meditation](#); [Spiritual Fitness](#); and [Research on Religion](#).

23. **SBHE Audit Committee Update** provided by Ms. Kathleen Neseť. She introduced and congratulated Ms. Dina Cashman as the new NDUSO Chief Internal Audit Executive.

24. **Williston State College Presidential Search Update**

Ms. Kathleen Neseť stated the search produced several candidates, the search committee has selected the candidates to move forward for virtual interviews scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and she will provide another update at the March 25<sup>th</sup> SBHE meeting.

25. **CTS Large Project Quarterly Report**

Mr. Darin King provided an update on the [CTS Large Project Quarterly Report](#).

**26. Math Pathways**

Dr. Migler, DCB Dean, provided an overview on the [Math Pathways](#) study. He explained there is request in the ND University System appropriations bill (SB 2003) for funding to create a plan moving forward, implement it, and to analyze the data for the years following implementation.

**27. Legislative Update**

Ms. Tammy Dolan provided an [update on legislation](#); she stated that cross-over (bills go from House to Senate, vice versa) is approaching; the start up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of legislature begins March 3<sup>rd</sup>. She reviewed the [ND University System appropriation](#) request as of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mihalick moved, Ryan seconded, to support SB2003 in its current form, regarding the ND University System appropriation bill, as it aligns with the Board's needs-based budget.

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

There was discussion of opposition to proposed amendments in SB2030, as it relates to the Challenge Grant program; the system office indicated they have been and will continue to work with campuses.

**Other Reports:**

- 28. NDSA by Ms. Erica Solberg
- 29. CCF by Dr. Elizabeth Legerski
- 30. Staff Senate by Ms. Retha Mattern
- 31. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. CT.

Approved March 25, 2021.