North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
May 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on May 18th at 11:00 a.m. CT, via Teams/conf. call.

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


Others present: NDUS – Chancellor Hagerott, Jerry Rostad, Kristie Hetzler, Claire Gunwall, Katie Fitzsimmons, AG Office – Eric Olson.

1. Agenda
   Warford moved, Solberg seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.
   Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

   Academic Requests:
   New Program(s) (final approval from SBHE ASAC)
   DSU
   2. DSU - A.A.S. in Fire Science
   3. DSU – Minor in Agricultural Education
   4. DSU – M.Ed. in Elementary Education

   Warford moved, Solberg seconded, to approve DSU’s request, items 2 – 4.
   Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

   NDSU
   5. NDSU – MPH in Epidemiology

   Solberg moved, Warford seconded, to approve NDSU’s request, item 5.
   Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

   UND
   6. UND – B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
   7. UND – GR Certificate in Ethical Hacking
   8. UND – GR Certificate in Cyber Security Analyst
   9. UND – GR Certificate in Secure Networks
Warford moved, Solberg seconded, to approve UND’s request, items 6 – 9.

Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

**VCSU**
10. VCSU – B.S. in Sport Leadership
11. VCSU – M.S. in Business Information Systems

Warford moved, Solberg seconded, to approve VCSU’s request, items 10 and 11.

Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

Mr. Eric Olson reviewed proposed amendments to the following policies:
12. Policy 401.1, academic freedom
13. Policy 503.1, student free speech
14. Policy 503.3, Student Political Rights
15. Policy 508, Student Grant, Scholarship, Loan Repayments
16. Policy 520, Title IX

The committee discussed the amendments due to changes made by legislation and the potential impacts on campus, students, and faculty. They also discussed potential complications with the review process, time to receive stakeholders’ input, deadlines, and implementation requirements with time sensitive factors.

Mr. Eric Olson indicated there will be several meetings to discuss the policies and he will return to the committee with additional information to discuss at their June committee meeting.

Warford moved, Solberg seconded, to recommend 1st reading of policies 401.1, 503.1, 503.3, and 520.

Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

Mr. Olson reviewed amendments to policy 508.

Warford moved, Solberg seconded, to recommend 1st reading of policy 508.

Solberg, Warford, and Louters voted yes.

17. **Legislative updates**
   Ms. Lisa Johnson provided an update on legislation.

18. **Update on the Test Optional Subcommittee/NDUS Study**
   Ms. Gunwall briefed the committee on the status of the NDUS study on test optional,
   - Met once and will meet again at the end of May
   - Smaller sub-committee
   - Tentative recommendation to full SBHE December (fall recruitment already in process)

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

Approved June 22, 2021.