

**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

Campus Representatives: **BSC** – Dan Leingang, **DCB** – Larry Brooks, **DSU** – Holly Gruhlke, **UND** – Cara Halgren, Debbie Storr, **NDSACS** – Harvey Link, **NDSU** – Margaret Fitzgerald, **LRSC** – President Darling, **VCSU** – Margaret Dahlberg.

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.