

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Research and Governance Committee**

May 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 3:15 p.m. CT, via teams and/or conference call.

Committee Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Research Committee members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair
Ms. Kathleen Neset
Ms. Danita Bye

Ms. Elizabeth Legerski, SBHE Faculty Advisor

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Ms. Tammy Dolan, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Ms. Karol Riedman, NDUS
Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS

Others Participating:

President Armacost, UND
Dr. John Mihalich, UND
President Bresciani, NDSU
Dr. John Mihelich, UND
Dr. Jane Schuh, NDSU
Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
Mr. Kenneth Hellevang, CCF
Dr. Chip Poland, DSU
Dr. Debora Dragseth, DSU
President Easton, DSU
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office

1. **Agenda**

Neset moved, Bye seconded, to approve the agenda.

Neset, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

RESEARCH ITEMS

2. **Dickinson State University Research Activity**

Dr. Chip "Woodrow" Poland and students presented [research initiatives at Dickinson State University](#).

3. **Discussion on INBRE**

Dr. John Mihelich reviewed information on NBRE; committee members will discuss at a future meeting.

GOVERNANCE ITEMS

4. **SBHE Strategic Retreat**

Mr. Jerry Rostad reviewed the following:

- a. [Policy 100.4](#), Mission and Vision of the North Dakota University System
- b. [Policy 100.5](#), Beliefs and Core Values of the State Board of Higher Education
- c. [Metrics](#)

The committee discussed adding language to include trustworthy, accountable, and responsible stewards of the North Dakota State investments in the university system.

5. **Chancellor's Performance Evaluation Process/Timeline**

Ms. Karol Riedman reviewed previous year's process and timeline for the [Chancellor's performance evaluation](#), including his stated goals; he is currently working on his self-assessment.

The committee members agreed the process is clear, concise, and effective and to recommended moving forward to the full Board for additional input.

Bye moved, Neset seconded, to recommend approval of the Chancellor's performance evaluation process and timeline.

Neset, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

Mr. Olson stated the Chancellor's evaluation process is currently being adjusted to mirror with the president's process that can take place in a closed session to discuss; the Chancellor's contract/renewal contract is also being reviewed at this time and more information will come forward at next months meeting.

6. **NDUS New Board Orientation**

Ms. Kristie Hetzler reviewed previous year's process for [new Board member orientation](#); she explained that the system office staff conduct the orientation and this year they plan conducting face-to-face in the month of June. New board members effective date is July 1st. She also stated that the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) has an online orientation option; the system has a membership with AGB and could be used as an additional tool. Committee members did not have any concerns moving forward with continuing the previous year's process and timeline. If committee members have additional input for inclusion in the binder materials, they can be forwarded to Ms. Hetzler.

Bye moved, Neset seconded, to recommend approval of the board orientation process and materials.

Bye, Neset, and Ryan voted yes.

7. **Policy 308.3 Political Activities**

Mr. Eric Olson reviewed amendments to policy [308.3, political activities](#); he stated that input was gathered from several stakeholders and faculty were very supportive.

Neset moved, Bye seconded, to recommend approval of amendments to policy 308.3.

Neset, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. CT.

Approved June 16, 2021.