

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
June 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Elizabeth Legerski, SBHE Faculty Advisor

Campus Representatives: **BSC** – Mari Volk, **DCB** – Larry Brooks, MaSU – President Van Horn, **MISU** – Laurie Geller, **NDSU** – Margaret Fitzgerald, **DSU** – Deb Dragseth, Keith James, **UND** – Cara Halgren, Ryan Adams, **NDSCS** – Harvey Link, **VCSU** – Margaret Dahlberg.

Others present: **NDUS** – Lisa Johnson, Jerry Rostad, Kristie Hetzler, Claire Gunwall, Katie Fitzsimmons.

1. **Agenda**

Solberg moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Solberg and Louters voted yes.

2. **Meeting Minutes:**

- a) [April 20, 2021](#)
- b) [May 18, 2021](#)

Solberg moved to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>, as presented.

Solberg and Louters voted yes.

3. **Policy 407.0 Reverse Transfer**

Solberg moved to recommend approval of [Policy 407](#).

Solberg and Louters voted yes.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the following state authorizations for consideration:

4. **State Authorization for Embry Riddle University**

And;

5. **State Authorization for Park University**

Solberg moved to recommend approval of state authorization requests from the following:

- [Embry Riddle University](#)
- [Park University](#)

Solberg and Louters voted yes.

6. **Tenure**

Solberg moved to recommend approval of [tenure](#) request(s), as presented.

Solberg and Louters voted yes.

**New Program(s)** (final approval from SBHE ASAC)

BSC

7. BSC – A.A.S. in Advanced Digital Technologies
8. BSC – A.A.S. in Integrated Studies
9. BSC – UG Certificate in Cybersecurity Fundamentals

DSU

10. DSU – Minor in Applied Digital Communication

NDSU

11. NDSU – Minor and M.P.P. in Public Policy
12. NDSU – Ph.D. in Applied Economics

UND

13. UND – GR Certificate in Computer Hacking Forensics

Solberg moved to approve all academic requests, items 7 – 13.

Solberg and Louters voted yes.

**14. Update: Test Optional Subcommittee**

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the test optional committee:

- Test optional is a movement across various states and university systems
  - ACT and SAT specifically for admissions
- Committee has sixteen members
- Institutional Research representative included on a sub committee
  - Working to refine the study, open race, Pell availability, credits coming in, and other components being examined/considered
- Would continue/monitor study success rate
- Current waiver goes through summer of 2023; the group may recommend an extension to 2025 for additional comparison
- Scheduled meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> to review data

**15. ECOR/OER Update – NDUS Distribution of \$160,000**

Ms. Johnson [ECOR/OER Update](#) – NDUS Distribution of \$160,000

- System office funded 160,000.00
- Campus bookstores and libraries have been very supportive
- Larger campuses vs smaller campus (benefits and/or heavy requirement for resources)
- Distribution of monies has been equal across the system
- Noted copyright concerns
- How many are currently using OER, campus have begun tagging them; system office will run query to help the movement in support of OER.

**16. Save the Date: In-Person Joint Boards Meeting on September 21, 2021**

NDUS will host September 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. CT.

Approved September 21, 2021.