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 22nd 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 20th and May 18th, 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.

4. **State Authorization for Embry Riddle University**
   Ms. Johnson reviewed the following state authorizations for consideration:

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
- Wound 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 16th to review data

15. ECOR/OER Update – NDUS Distribution of $160,000
Ms. Johnson provided an update on the 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.