

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

March 16, 2022, Research and Governance Committee, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, March 16th, at 3:15 p.m. CT, via teams and/or conference call.

Co-chairs Ryan and Bye called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Committee members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Co-Chair
Ms. Danita Bye, Co-Chair
Dr. John Warford

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott, NDUS
Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
Ms. Karol Riedman, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS

Others Participating:

President Darling, LRSC
President Bresciani, NDSU
President (Interim) Link, NDSCS
Dr. Collen Fitzgerald, NDSU
Mr. Mark Askelson, UND
Dr. Michael E. Kjelland, MaSU
President Van Horn, MaSU
Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office

1. **Agenda**

Bye moved, Warford seconded, to approve the agenda with an addition item, an update on the 5-State USICA.

Warford, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Warford moved, Bye seconded, to approve the February 16, 2022, meeting minutes.

Warford, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

RESEARCH ITEMS

3. **Mayville State University Research Presentation**

Michael E. Kjelland, M.S., Ph.D., from Mayville State University provided a presentation regarding components of their [campus research activity](#).

GOVERNANCE ITEMS

4. **Policy 812, Legal Representation**

Mr. Eric Olson reviewed proposed amendments to [Policy 812](#), Legal Representation.

Ryan moved, Warford seconded, to recommend approval of 1st reading of Policy 812.

Bye, Warford, and Ryan voted yes.

5. **Update on Chancellor's Evaluation Process**

Ms. Karol Riedman stated she surveyed the Presidents and in the past the Board members have also been surveyed; however, the process and timeline has not been determined for this year. The Legislature made changes to the Chancellor's evaluation process, allowing executive session for the Board to discuss. Mr. Olson indicated that Chair Ryan is also authorized to visit with the Presidents and others to collect further input that can be discussed during executive session before a final report is completed. The committee discussed other components of the Chancellor's evaluation, such as his self-assessment and review of his annual goals. Mr. Olson also informed the committee that the executive session could be done in May to allow time to correlate all input into a draft evaluation and be finalized in June. After discussing options for the process and a timeline, the committee requested Ms. Riedman propose a draft to be proposed at the next committee meeting.

6. **Discuss SBHE Committee Structure**

Mr. Eric Olson opened the discussion regarding options to re-organize the [SBHE committee structure](#). Committee members agreed that there is no option, current or proposed, that will permit the Board members to have open dialogue outside of the full Board meeting, without the potential of violating open meeting law(s). Chair Bye requested that all Board members have an opportunity to provide input at the next full Board meeting and in the SBHE self-assessment, and further discussion be moved to the Board retreat in May.

7. **Update on SBHE Self-Assessment**

Ms. Dina Cashman provided an update on the status of the SBHE self-assessment, indicating that not all responses have been received. Board Chair Ryan stated the importance of input from all ten Board members and requested Ms. Cashman reach out to him if she doesn't receive them.

8. **Update on Strategic Priorities for SBHE Retreat**

Chancellor Hagerott stated input is being collected on [strategic priorities](#)/themes for the Board retreat and requested that RGC members follow-up with Jerry Rostad with input on the research component. There are ongoing research networks and high-performance computing within the sub-groups, and there could also be proposals for the upcoming legislation on funding options/additional resources. The inflation factor is a major challenge in talent recruitment and retention for assistant professors and/or professors in the research field. The committee noted that the attached document is a working document moving forward and can be adjusted as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. CT.

Approved April 13, 2022.