

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

March 15, 2022, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. CT.

Chair Louters called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:

Dr. Jill Louters (Chair)

Dr. John Warford

Campus Representatives: **BSC** – Dan Leingang, **DSU** – Deb Dragseth, **UND** – Karyn Plumm, **NDSCS** – Lisa Karch, **NDSU** – Margaret Fitzgerald, **DCB** – Larry Brooks, **MISU** – Laurie Geller, **VCSU** – Margaret Dahlberg.

Others present: **NDUS** – Lisa Johnson, Claire Gunwall, Katie Fitzsimmons, Kristie Hetzler, Terry Meyer, Chancellor Hagerott, Karol Riedman.

1. **Agenda**

Warford moved to approve the agenda.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

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

Warford and Louters voted yes

**New Academic Program Requests** (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)

3. [BSC](#)

- a. UG Certificate in Accounting
- b. UG Certificate in Communication & Humanities College Studies
- c. UG Certificate in Diesel Technology
- d. UG Certificate in Entrepreneurship
- e. UG Certificate in Leadership
- f. UG Certificate in Management
- g. UG Certificate in Sport and Fitness Pedagogy
- h. UG Certificate in Sport and Fitness Technology
- i. UG Certificate in STEM College Studies
- j. A.A.S. in Exercise and Sports Studies
- k. A.A.S. in Financial Technologies

Warford moved to approve BSC's new program requests, items 3a – k.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

4. [MiSU](#)

- a. UG Certificate in Writing in the Discipline

- b. GR Certificate in Mathematics Education

Warford moved to approve MiSU's new program requests, items 4a – b.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

5. [NDSU](#)

- a. Minor in International Studies
- b. Minor in Professional Ethics
- c. B.S. in Software Engineering

Warford moved to approve NDSU's new program requests, items 5a – c.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

6. [UND](#)

- a. GR Certificate in Communicating Science
- b. GR Certificate in Energy Dynamics, Policy and Strategy
- c. GR Certificate in Energy Storage Systems
- d. GR Certificate in Energy Systems and Optimization
- e. GR Certificate in Social Data Analytics

Warford moved to approve UND's new program requests, items 6a – e.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

7. [VCSU](#)

- a. GR Certificate in Math Studies

Warford moved to approve VCSU's new program request, item 7a.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

**Academic Program Termination** (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)

8. [DSU](#)

- a. Minor in Information Technology
- b. Minor in Internet Applications
- c. Minor in Journalism
- d. Minor in Organizational Psychology

Warford moved to approve DSU's program termination requests, items 8a – d.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

9. [NDSCS](#)

- a. UG Certificate, Program Diploma, A.A.S. in Bio-Fuels Technology
- b. UG Certificate, Program Diploma, A.A.S. in Biotechnology
- c. UG Certificate, Program Diploma, A.A.S. in Nanoscience Technology
- d. Program Diploma in Practical Nursing
- e. UG Certificate in Automotive Alignment and Brake Technician
- f. UG Certificate in Automotive Engine Technician
- g. UG Certificate in Automotive Transmission and Driveline Technician

- h. UG Certificate in Dialysis Technician
- i. A.A.S. in Banking and Financial Services

Warford moved to approve NDSCS's program termination requests, items 9a – i.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

**Creation of Center** (final authority at SBHE)

10. NDSU - [Center for Entrepreneurship and Family Business](#)

Warford moved to approve NDSCS's program termination request, item 10.

Warford and Louters voted yes.

Ms. Lisa Johnson provided information on North Dakota Student Association (NDSA):

11. **NDSA Resolution** (NDSA-11-2122) – **Indigenous Peoples Day**

Ms. Johnson stated that the NDSA members drafted the resolution; however, since there was no NDSA representative on today's meeting, she will give a summary. The ([NDSA-11-2122](#)) resolution attached to the agenda was drafted at the last NDSA meeting. The resolution propose is to allow a day off to promote mental health and wellness in October when there is a long stretch of classes. There have been previous requests of the same nature from the NDSA; a resolution seeking the Friday after Thanksgiving and a more current one specifically requesting the first Monday of October off to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day. Ms. Johnson stated the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) and the Community College of Faculty (CCF) have also discussed the resolution during their meetings; the CCF were supportive of an October break and AAC did not make a recommendation in opposition and/or support.

12. **NDSA Resolution** (NDSA-12-2122) – **Support for Behavioral Health**

Ms. Johnson stated that the NDSA members also drafted the ([NDSA-12-2122](#)) resolution; however, since there was no NDSA representative on today's meeting. The resolution supports behavioral health needs of the students. She noted that Committee Chair Louters and others from the University System attended a previous meeting to listen to feedback from the students. She explained that there has been ongoing discussions and collection of input from the campuses, but the behavioral health needs differ from campus to campus due to size, demographic, and other factors. They also discussed the need to increase awareness of some tele-health services available to students. The committee discussed the Green Bandana and how it ties in with behavioral health and funding.

13. **NDSA feedback regarding behavioral health needs** (February 25, 2022)

Committee Chair Louters stated behavioral health is an important component to student success and will be a discussion at the Board retreat, along with other strategic priorities. The committee discussed current resources that are available to students on individual campuses and how to communicate those resources to students, faculty, and staff, to maximize necessary engagement. They also discussed possibilities in a customizable approach due to each campus having specific needs. Further discussion will take place at the Board retreat; the current SBHE student member and the incoming student member will be available to provide input.

14. **Western Governors University Memorandum of Understanding**

Ms. Lisa Johnson provided an update on [Western Governors University Memorandum of Understanding](#). The concept is to partner with Western Governors University; our previous Governor Schafer, signed an agreement supporting online proficiency-based curriculum. The NDUS community colleges have indicated they have transfer pathways with several institutions,

including institutions outside of NDUS. If a student chooses to attend a program offered by Western Governors University, the process should be seamless as possible for them. The Western Governors University offers a different tuition model, offers testing out options/work experience, and is modeled to attract working adults. Ms. Johnson will continue to discuss options and pathways to incorporate ways to support the MOU.

15. **Strategic Priorities for SBHE Retreat**

Mr. Rostad discussions and working groups continue their work on that attached [strategic priorities](#) for SBHE May Retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. CT.

Approved April 18, 2022.