



College Technical Education Council

March 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The College Technical Education Council met on Monday, March 21st, at 9:00 a.m. CT., via Teams/conference call.

Vice Chancellor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CT.

College Technical Education Council members present:

Dr. Jerry Migler (DCB)
Dr. Doug Darling (LRSC)
Mr. Harvey Link (NDSCS)
Dr. Bernell Hirning (WSC)

Dr. Debora Dragseth (DSU)
Mr. Wayde Sick (NDCTE)
Mr. Phillip Davis (ND Job Service)
Mr. Stanley Schauer (ND DPI)

NDUS staff present: Vice Chancellor Johnson, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Ms. Nancy Green

Agenda

Agenda accepted as presented.

Reports/Discussion/Updates

ND Department of Career and Technical Education

Mr. Sick reported the board has approved the remaining dollars for the current technical education Capital Projects Fund. The Minot, Watford City, and Dickinson projects all have access to the funds now and can start spending them. At a special board meeting, more funds were approved. Thirteen projects, several expansions, and new centers coming online were funded. The intent was to provide current technical education to multiple school districts across the state and have a workforce and postsecondary components. The ND CTE is funding an addition to the RU Ready ND platform. The Career Outlook magazine is another career planning resource that is delivered to every ND high school student as a resource.

ND Department of Commerce

No report.

Job Service of North Dakota

Mr. Davis announced Mr. Pat Bertagnolli was appointed as the new Executive Director. The unemployment rate is about 3.5%. Job openings are about 20,000. Job Service partners with the campuses for job fairs to provide to the public and students and members are part of the TrainND Advisory Boards to discuss openings and what employers need. The State Workforce Agency and federal training programs utilize TrainND to provide training to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) participants. Private vendors are used for specific programs such as welding. In June, a partnership with TrainND in Williston will have a "Touch a Truck" event to provide education about what is going on with the transportation industry. A multi-industry virtual job fair using a virtual platform, Talentspace, will be held May 19th.

Vocational Rehabilitation

No report.

ND Department of Public Instruction

Mr. Schauer shared the Integrated Education and Training (IET) program has workplace training, GED and adult education prep, and intense workforce training leading to a credential. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) does workplace training such as soft skills, 21st century skills, and technology. They want to improve the actual workforce training. Partnerships with CTE and TrainND help with trainings. ND is in the top three states in the nation for GED pass rates. The goal is always to continue to have conversations about adult education.

North Dakota University System

Vice Chancellor Johnson reported the board is planning for their board retreat. Included is discussion on expanding enrollment among returning adults to begin or complete a partial credential.

Campus Updates

- **Bismarck State College** – President Doug Jensen
No report.
- **Dakota College at Bottineau** – Dean Jerry Migler
Dean Migler reported an architect has been hired to convert the Trinity Health building into a Career and Technical Education Center. The goal for completion is Fall 2023. A Farm Management Education instructor has been hired and space has been identified at WSC.
- **North Dakota State College of Science** - Interim President Harvey Link
Interim President Link stated the NDSCS Presidential search is the institution's current priority. The decision will be made at the SBHE meeting on March 31st.
- **Lake Region State College** – President Doug Darling
Dr. Darling asked about rad tech programs and the issue of clinical placement. Currently LRSC is creating certificate options for all their programs. LRSC worked with the State Board for Career Technical Education and the Department of Labor to help build the foundation and expand the apprenticeship opportunities in ND. They were funded via a grant. A pilot nurse apprenticeship has been approved from the State Board of Nursing. Exploration is occurring to help address the ND teacher shortage.
- **Williston State College** – President Bernell Hirning
President Hirning reported work is being done to possibly share a director position between the college and one or two high school facilities. TrainND was awarded a CDL grant. The UAS and Beyond Visual Sight programs are being expanded to provide credit opportunities for individuals pursuing an associate degree that want some of these additional courses. The spring job fair is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th.
- **Dickinson State University** – Vice President Debora Dragseth
Vice President Dragseth reported that with DSU being a dual mission campus, they are moving into some career tech areas. DSU is working with the high schools and K12 on the Halliburton building. It is challenging since DSU is not part of the board, they are working closely with the advisory committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. CT.