

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

April 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday April 28th, at 8:30 a.m. CT., originating from the State Capitol via Teams Live.

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair

Ms. Gracie Lian

Mr. Tim Mihalick

Ms. Danita Bye

Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, Faculty Adviser

Dr. Jill Louters, Vice Chair

Mr. Nick Hacker

Mr. Jeffry Volk

Ms. Retha Mattern, Staff Adviser

Chancellor present: Dr. Mark Hagerott

Institution Representatives Present:

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President, MaSU

Dr. Dean Bresciani, President, NDSU

Dr. Steve Shirley, President, MiSU

Dr. Bernell Hirning, President, WSC

Dr. Jerry Migler, Dean, DCB

Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC

Dr. Harvey Link, Interim President, NDSCS

Dr. Doug Jensen, President, BSC

Mr. Steve Easton, J.D., President, DSU

Dr. Andy Armacost, President, UND

Dr. Alan LaFave, President, VCSU

NDUS Senior Staff Participating:

Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS

Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS

Mr. Darin King, CTS

Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS

Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS

Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS

Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS

Others Participating:

Mr. Eric Olson, AG's Office

1. **Agenda**

Louters moved, Bye seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Volk, Mihalick, Hacker, Bye, Lian, Louters, and Ryan voted yes.

Board Consent (2 – 4)

2. March 31, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
SBHE Research and Governance Committee
3. [Chancellor's Evaluation Process.](#)

- SBHE Audit Committee
4. [Internal Audit Re-organization.](#)

Mihalick moved, Bye seconded, to approve the consent agenda, items 2 - 4.

Mihalick, Lian, Hacker, Bye, Volk, Louters and Ryan voted yes.

5. **SBHE Self-assessment**

Ms. Dina Cashman explained the input from the Board self-evaluation was correlated into the attached [executive summary of the SBHE Self-assessment](#), Ms. Bye requested the Board's action include directing the SBHE Research and Governance Committee to continue to review the information and recommend prioritize and an action plan for the full Board to consider at a future meeting.

Louters moved, Hacker seconded, to approve the Board Self-assessment and return it to the SBHE Research and Governance Committee to prioritize and develop an action plan that will be presented to the full Board at a later date.

Bye, Volk, Lian, Hacker, Mihalick, Louters and Ryan voted yes.

6. **State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) Nominations**

Chancellor Hagerott presented [nominations](#) for the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) Nominations, item 4a-d:

- a. Ms. Pam Gulleon to a four-year term, beginning July 1, 2022.
- b. Ms. Julie Zikmund to a four-year term, beginning July 1, 2022.
- c. Mr. John Nordgaard to a four-year, beginning July 1, 2022.
- d. Mr. Doug Bichler to a four-year, beginning July 1, 2022.

Bye moved, Volk seconded, to approve the four SBARE nominations, as presented.

Volk, Mihalick, Louters Lian, Hacker, Bye and Ryan voted yes.

7. **Faculty Appointments and Tenure**

Ms. Lisa Johnson presented proposals for [faculty appointments and tenure nominations.](#)

Louters moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the faculty appointments and tenure, as presented.

Hacker, Bye, Volk, Mihalick, Lian, Louters, and Ryan voted yes.

8. **Honorary Degree**

Ms. Lisa Johnson presented a nomination for an honorary degree from North Dakota State University.

Volk moved, Bye seconded, to approve an honorary degree, as presented.

Lian, Hacker, Mihalick, Louters, Bye, Volk, and Ryan voted yes

New Academic Program and Academic Program Termination Requests

Ms. Lisa Johnson presented the April new academic programs and program termination requests. She explained the requests are being proposed to the full board due to the cancellation of the April SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee:

9. [BSC – new programs](#)
 - a. UG Certificate in Applied Design Technology
 - b. UG Certificate in Clinical Exercise Science
 - c. UG Certificate in Exercise Science
 - d. UG Certificate in Graphic Design Technology
 - e. UG Certificate in Sport and Fitness Entrepreneurship
 - f. UG Certificate in Sport and Fitness Management
 - g. A.A.S. in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
10. [DCB – new programs](#)
 - a. UG Certificate in Cybersecurity
11. [DSU – new programs](#)
 - a. B.S. in Health Education
12. [WSC – new programs](#)
 - a. UG Certificate in Cybersecurity
13. [UND – program termination](#)
 - a. Minor and B.S. in Graphic Design Technology

Louters moved, Hacker seconded, to approve the new programs and program terminations, items 9 – 13, as presented.

Mihalick, Lian, Hacker, Bye, Volk, Louters and Ryan voted yes.

Reports/Updates/Information

14. SBHE Audit Committee presented by Mr. Nick Hacker.
15. SBHE Research and Governance Committee presented by Dr. Casey Ryan and Ms. Danita Bye.
16. SBHE Budget and Finance Committee presented by Mr. Tim Mihalick.
17. SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee presented by Dr. Jill Louters. She announced and congratulated the University of North Dakota for winning the Colleagues Choice Award at the conference, it is based on criteria work with open educational resources.

Some topics that were discussed, but not limited to:

- Current issues Impacting higher education
- Pandemic trends and federal funding
- Changing demographic data
- Mentoring and authentic experiences
- Post-secondary role in economic development in rural communities
- Faculty recruiting
- Retention
- Stakeholder engagement
- Marketing of educational platforms

Ms. Louters will share the conference presentations and slides with Board members when they are available.

18. [DSU Presentation](#) provided by President Easton.

Chancellor Hagerott provided brief updates on the following, items 19-21:

19. Strategic Priorities/Planning
The Chancellor stated the strategic priorities and planning update is a good follow-up to President Easton's presentation regarding being responsive to changing demographics, the current political

environment, workforce needs, and the needs of faculty, staff, and students. He stated the importance of innovation and being adaptive; however, he also acknowledged the current difficult environment that campus administration, faculty, staff, and students, are facing. He explained that is why strategic planning and innovation is imperative, but it could result in reappropriate of resources and other changes on the campus. There have been discussions personalization of post-education; that would require significant resources, and that is why the innovation fund is imperative for institutions to adjust and meet the demands.

20. USICA Legislation and Regional Hubs

Chancellor Hagerott stated he has met with various stakeholders including the Governor's office, the Secretary of Commerce, and others to continue the pursuit of additional research funding through USICA legislation. There have been several discussions regarding submitting a competitive proposal for a rural hub and those discussions will continue; he will work with the SBHE Research and Governance Committee and the full Board.

21. Feedback on Governor Strategy Session

The Chancellor provided a high-level overview of the Governor's strategy session. He indicated there are areas that NDUS institutions have already worked on, such as, the dual mission movement, has the potential to be a shared initiative. He also spoke about the innovation fund that could help campuses be more adoptive/innovated in the current workforce environment. He thanked the institution's leadership for their presentations to the Governor and stated he was very complementary after hearing their briefs.

Other Reports:

22. NDSA update was presented by Ms. Gracie Lian; she stated that three names for the new SBHE student member have been forwarded to the Governor's office for consideration.

23. CCF update was presented by Dr. Elizabeth Legerski; she stated that Mr. Derek Vander Molen from Williston State University will be the next CCF President.

24. Staff Senate update was presented by Ms. Retha Mattern; she stated that during the last staff senate meeting they continued to discuss staff scholarships, remote working permissions and process variations, and upcoming legislation.

25. Public Comment – no public comment.

Assessment of Meeting and Future Agenda Items

26. Mihalick moved, Bye seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. CT.

Volk, Mihalick, Hacker, Bye, Lian, Louters, and Ryan voted yes.

Approved May 26, 2022.