

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

May 17, 2022, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. CT, via Teams/conference call.

Interim Committee Chair Warford called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:

Dr. John Warford (Interim Committee Chair)

Ms. Gracie Lian

Campus Representatives: **BSC** – Dan Leingang, **DCB** – Larry Brooks, **DSU** – President Easton, Holly Gruhlke, **LRSC** – President Darling, Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** – President Van Horn, Misti Wuori, **UND** – Eric Link, Elizabeth Legerski, **NDSU** – Margaret Fitzgerald, President Cook, **NDSCS** – Lisa Karch, **MISU** – Laurie Geller, **WSC** – President Hirning, Kim Wray.

Others present: **NDUS** – Lisa Johnson, Katie Fitzsimmons, David Krebsbach, Kristie Hetzler, Jerry Rostad, Terry Meyer.

1. **Agenda**

Lian moved to approve the agenda.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Lian moved to approve the March 15, 2022, meeting minutes.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

3. **Policy 411, Admissions**

Ms. Lisa Johnson proposed amendments to [Policy 411](#), Admissions. She explained that SBHE policies are determined by board guidance and corresponding procedures have a more granular level of detail. Procedure 411 has been reviewed by the campus presidents and input incorporated in the draft attached.

Dr. Legerski inquired if any data was collected to indicated what the impact(s) could be if test optional was permanently adopted system wide. Ms. Johnson stated that data was reviewed from several different angles and there was some concern about student mobility and if there could be large shift of students who might not have been admitted to the research or regional institutions otherwise. That data was reviewed; however, it was during the COVID pandemic when test optional was given on a provisional basis and it indicated that there was some mobility. She stated that significant time was spent discussing at the academic and student affairs level. The result was the percentages, GPA scores, and core course requirement components incorporated into the NDUS [procedure\(s\)](#).

The committee members confirmed that there has been considerable vetting across the institutions and all stakeholders have had a chance for input, including the student association.

Lian moved to recommend approval of Policy 411.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

4. **Tenure**

Ms. Lisa Johnson presented a recommendation for [tenure](#).

Lian moved to recommend approval of the tenure request as presented.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

**# Academic Requests**

New Academic Program Requests (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)

5. [DSU](#)

- a. Minor in Addiction Studies
- b. B.B.A. in Esports Administration
- c. B.A.S. in Esports and Business

Lian moved to approve DSU's new program requests as presented.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

6. [NDSU](#)

- a. UG Certificate in Organizational Leadership

Lian moved to approve NDSU's new program request as presented.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

7. [WSC](#)

- a. A.A.S. in Electronics & Industrial Controls

Lian moved to approve WSC's new program request as presented.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

Academic Program Termination (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)

8. [NDSU](#)

- a. M.A. in Theatre Arts
- b. M.S. in Nursing

Lian moved to approve NDSU's program termination request as presented.

Lian and Warford voted yes.

**Information/Discussion/Reports**

9. [Strategic Themes update](#)

Ms. Johnson reviewed the strategic themes for the upcoming board retreat on May 25th. She explained they are divided into approximately 6 topic areas each led by a board member with support from Vice Chancellors and support staff from the system office. The topics highlighted green were prioritized and will have ongoing discussions. Interim Committee Chair Warford stated that all

topics are significant; however, dynamic enrollment environment, recruitment, retention of students should always be really one of the major targets that we have in the university system. Students are priority and that is the focused area, recruitment, and retention. If there is any more follow-up and/or input, contact Vice Chancellor Johnson prior to the May 25<sup>th</sup> retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. CT.

Approved June 21, 2022.