

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

May 18, 2022, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, May 18th, at 3:15 p.m. CT, via teams and/or conference call.

Co-chair Ryan 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. Darin King, CTS
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Ms. Tammy Dolan, NDUS

Others Participating:

President Darling, LRSC
President Cook, NDSU
Dean Migler, DCB
President Armacost, UND
President Van Horn, MaSU
Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald, NDSU
Dr. John Mihelich, UND
Dr. Delore Zimmerman, VPP
Dr. Marko Davinic, BSC

1. **Agenda**

Ms. Bye requested a brief update on the Chancellor's evaluation be added to the agenda.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Warford moved, Bye seconded, to approve the amended agenda and the April 13, 2022, meeting minutes.

Warford, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

RESEARCH PORTION

3. **Bismarck State College Research Presentation**

Dr, Marko Davinic provided an overview of [Bismarck State College's research work](#).

4. **Update on USICA**

Chancellor Hagerott provided a brief update on USICA.

5. **Update on Research Working Group**

Drs. Mihelich and Fitzgerald informed the committee that the working group recently met to discussion meeting schedule and other logistics of the working group and their next meeting is tentatively set to take place mid-summer.

GOVERNANCE PORTION

6. **New Board Member Orientation**

Ms. Terry Meyer presented the structure for [new Board member orientation](#); she explained that it is the same structure that has been used for the past couple years and asked if there were any suggested changes or additions to be added. The committee discussed the importance of the mentorship program and would like that enhanced to provide new Board members a senior Board member as a resource to increase their knowledge at the start of their term.

Warford moved, Ryan seconded, recommend approval of the new Board member orientation, as presented.

Warford, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

Dr. Ryan stated that at anytime a component to the new board orientation can be added by the Chair of the Governance Committee; the committee members agreed.

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

Ms. Danita Bye stated that the SBHE Self-assessment will be on next month's agenda to discuss. She recommended that the committee receive input from the SBHE Retreat on May 25th, prior to making any recommendations on top item priorities. The committee members had no concerns postponing further discussion.

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

Mr. Jerry Rostad explained that there is six strategic topics, each topic has been led with a Board member and Vice Chancellor from the system office. Several Presidents have been involved, along with other campus subject matter experts on the work executed prior to the retreat. The information will be provided, and the Board members will have approximately a month to consider the information and input from the retreat. The Governance Committee will consider all the data and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Chancellor Evaluation (addition to agenda)

Ms. Riedman stated the survey tool for the Chancellor's evaluation was approved by the committee in April; the tool is used for measuring the Chancellor's goals that were set and approved last year. The Chancellor will complete his self-assessment next week and the completed components will be distributed to the Board on June 1st. The Board will have until June 15th to fill it out their survey and the results will be sent to Chair Ryan. Dr. Ryan stated he has also spoke to the Presidents to provide further input and that information will be discussed in executive session at the June 30th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. CT.

Approved June 23, 2022.