

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

September 20, 2022, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on September 20th at 11:00 a.m. CT, via Teams/conference call.

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
Ms. Sadie Hanson
Mr. Kevin Black

Campus Representatives: **BSC** – Amy Juhala, **DCB** – Larry Brooks, Kayla O’toole, **LRSC** –President Darling, **MaSU** – Brian Huschle, **MiSU** – Laurie Geller, **UND** – Eric Link, **NDSU** – Margaret Fitzgerald, **NDSCS** – Dean Simone, Lisa Karch, **WSC** – John Miller.

Others present: **NDUS** – Lisa Johnson, Claire Gunwall, Kristie Hetzler, Darin King, David Krebsbach, Katie Fitzsimmons, Terry Meyer.

1. **Agenda**
2. **Meeting Minutes**

Black moved, Hanson seconded, to approve the agenda and the August 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes.

Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes.

3. Tenure Requests:

- a. UND

Joel S. Steele, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Indigenous Health.

- b. DSU

Michael Patrick Cullinane, Ph.D., Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, and Robert Jeffrey David Wells, Ph.D., Professor, College of Arts & Sciences.

Black moved, Hanson seconded, to recommend approval of the proposed UND and DSU tenure requests, as presented.

Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes.

New Academic Program Requests (final approval at SBHE ASAC)

4. MiSU

- a. GR Certificate in Sports Administration

Hanson moved, Black, seconded, to approve MiSU’s new program request.

Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes.

5. **Update on Legislative Interim Higher Education meeting**

Ms. Lisa Johnson provided an update on draft bills discussed at the September 7th Interim Legislative Higher Education Committee meeting. She explained the bills are still being reviewed and/or modified and she will continue to provide updates at future meeting. The following are some components that were discussed:

- Teacher education/teacher shortage
- Resurrecting the teacher loan forgiveness program
- Various changes to existing scholarships
- Accelerate academic programs
- Increase the state's needs-based grant award
- Increase funding for the Challenge Grant program to \$24 million to support institutions to expand educational programs
- Funding for students with some college and/no degree in in-demand fields/the most severe shortages in the state.

Mr. Black provided a brief update on the September 19th Joint Boards meetings. He stated there was a robust discussion regarding North Dakota teacher shortage, especially severe in the rural communities. He commended an apprenticeship approach taken by some colleges to help address the current teacher shortage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. CT.

Approved October 18, 2022.