

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**  
October 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., via Teams Live.

SBHE Members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair	Mr. Tim Mihalick (Vice Chair)
Dr. John Warford	Ms. Sadie Hanson
Mr. Nick Hacker	Ms. Danita Bye
Mr. Jeffry Volk	Mr. Kevin Black
Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Adviser	Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Adviser

Chancellor present: Dr. Mark Hagerott

Institution Representatives Present:

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President, MaSU  
Dr. Steve Shirley, President, MiSU  
Dr. Bernell Hirning, President, WSC  
Dr. Carmen Simone Dean, DCB  
Dr. Doug Darling, President, LRSC  
Dr. Doug Jensen, President, BSC  
Mr. Steve Easton, J.D., President, DSU  
Dr. David Cook, President, UND  
Dr. Andy Armacost, President, UND  
Dr. Alan LaFave, President, VCSU

NDUS Senior Staff Participating:

Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS  
Mr. Darin King, CTS  
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS  
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS  
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS  
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS  
Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS  
Dr. Jen Weber, NDUS

Others Participating:

Mr. Chris Pieske, AG's Office

1. Agenda

Warford moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Bye, Hanson, Warford, Volk, Mihalick, Hacker, Black, and Ryan voted yes.

**Board Consent (2 - 5)**

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3. Ratify Chancellor's approval of \$2,899,596 and \$2,250,000, respectively, transfer of the NDUS System Office Tier II and Tier III capital building fund appropriation line to the [NDSU capital building fund appropriation line](#)
4. [NDUS Retirement Plan](#) Recommendations

#### SBHE Audit Committee

5. [Fiscal Year 2023 Internal Audit Plan Update](#)

Black moved, Warford seconded, to approve the consent agenda items 2 – 5, as presented.

Warford, Volk, Bye, Hanson, Mihalick, Hacker, Black, and Ryan voted yes.

6. **Policy 306.1, Compliance Charter** (number change to 306)  
The Board discussed [Policy 306.1](#); it has been reviewed and vetted by all campuses, councils, Cabinet, SBHE Committee, and legal counsel the past few months; the input collected and worked through has been incorporated in the final draft attached.

Warford moved, Volk seconded, to approve waiving 1<sup>st</sup> reading, approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of Policy 301.1, as presented.

Warford, Volk, Bye, Hanson, Mihalick, Hacker, Black, and Ryan voted yes.

#### **SBHE Committee Reports/Updates/Discussion**

The following reports were provided to the SBHE:

7. SBHE Audit Committee by Mr. Nick Hacker. He stated that internal audit still has a vacant position and there has been multiple searches and interviews conducted, however, the challenge is budgetary constraints. The annual audit plan will have some modifications based on staffing, recognizing what can and cannot be completed. The remaining audits will either be carried over to the next fiscal year or be completed by a hired consultant of specific subject matter audits.
8. SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee by Dr. John Warford. He stated that he attended Governor Burgum's Main Street initiative in Bismarck; the Governor will be proposing a recruiting and retaining workers initiative to legislation. The request is for approximately seventy million dollars and will promote the workforce in North Dakota. The initiative is called the North to Work and Investment Plan and funding will need legislative approval. He informed the Board that the committee has and will continue to request campus leadership to review their academic programs and identify efficiencies and/or low enrollment programs in a collaborative effort to meet ND workforce needs. The committee will continue to support the campuses to keep moving forward on this initiative. He indicated that this can also help prepare for any possible financial shortfalls during the next biennium.
9. SBHE Research and Governance Committee by Dr. Casey Ryan and Ms. Danita Bye. Dr. Ryan briefed the Board on the research initiatives that involve all the institutions and the opportunities that North Dakota (NDUS) has for research grants. The committee has also continued to work with the Valley Prosperity Partners group and western North Dakota to develop and strengthen the economy by investing in research initiatives.

Member Black inquired about the status of NDUS regarding Governor Burgum's Red Tape Reduction Working Group that he has asked state agencies and North Dakota citizens to participate in. He stated it is good business practice to review how the university system business processes can be improved and how and/or what the Board members can do

to support it. He suggested a dedicated structure (working group) and volunteered to serve on it. Members Warford and Hacker also volunteered to serve.

The Board discussed forming a committee that can work with the Chancellor, system office staff, and Presidents, to identify and reduce burdensome policies/procedures or business practices. Chair Ryan stated that the Governance Committee will discuss it at their next meeting to keep the topic moving forward.

Chancellor Hagerott said we are heading into a legislative session and Presidents and his staff will need to make that a priority. He stated that we have several Presidents that are new to legislative sessions and will require their time and attention and stay informed.

10. SBHE Budget and Finance Committee by Mr. Tim Mihalick. The committee met on October 18<sup>th</sup> and those items are on today's agenda; Mr. Kresbach will be covering the OMB budget update later in the agenda. with all members present. As usual, most of our agenda.

#### **Chancellor's Report**

11. **NDUS Foundation Update**

Mr. Tim Mihalick provided a brief update on the NDUS Foundation meeting.

12. **OMB Budget Meeting Update**

Chancellor Hagerott and Mr. David Krebsbach provided the Board with information on the OMB budget meetings for the NDUS that took place October 10 and 11.

13. **Census Data Report – Presentation**

Dr. Jen Weber, Director of Institutional Data & Reporting/Institutional Research, reviewed information on the [Census Data Report – Presentation](#). The Board stated that the information was helpful and requested that Dr. Weber prepare additional information for their next meeting.

#### **Other Reports:**

14. NDSA by Ms. Sadie Hanson.
15. CCF by Dr. Lisa Montplaisir.
16. Staff Senate by Mr. Michael Linnell.
17. Public Comment – no public comment received.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. CT.

Approved December 8, 2022.