

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

February 15, 2023, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on February 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. CT.

Chair Warford called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:

Dr. John Warford
Ms. Sadie Hanson
Mr. Kevin Black
Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor (teleconference)

BSC – Bruce Emmil, **DCB** – Carmen Simone, **DSU** – President Easton, John Miller, **LRSC** – President Darling, **MaSU** – Brian Huschle, **MiSU** – No, **NDSCS** – President Flanigan, Lisa Karch, **NDSU** – David Bertolini, **UND** – Eric Link, Art Malloy **VCSU** – Larry Brooks, **WSC** – President Hirning, Wanda Meyer, Maren Furseth

Others present: **NDUS** – Chancellor Hagerott, Lisa Johnson, Katie Fitzsimmons, Dina Cashman, Chris Erickson, Chris Pieske, Dustin Walcker, Darin King, Terry Meyer, Meredith Larson

1. **Agenda**

Black moved, Hanson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Hanson moved, Black seconded the motion to approve the January 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Hanson, Black, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

3. **New Academic Program Requests (final approval at SBHE ASAC)**

- a. Dickinson State University – John Miller presented.
 - i. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership

Mr. Miller stated this program will be training school administrators as vice-principals, principals, and superintendents in alignment with the ND Credentialing requirements. Research for this was centered on western North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, and parts of Wyoming. The DSU program can support this online hybrid program with synchronized work. Programs like this are beneficial as practitioners that are working as administrators in the current environment, or they are working as teachers currently, so it is not practical to expect those professionals to be able to do this in any other manner than a primarily virtual manner.

Black moved, Hanson seconded the motion to approve the Ed. In Educational Leadership program as presented. Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

- b. Minot State University – Vice Chancellor Johnson presented.
 - i. UG Certificate in Interdisciplinary Game Design & Development
 - ii. UG Certificate in Introduction to Game Studies
 - iii. UG Certificate in Public History

Ms. Johnson explained (i) and (ii) are certificates designed for majors other than computer science to participate in wherein (iii) is a greater focus for those majoring in computer science. These requests had the support of the Academic Affairs Council.

Hanson moved, Black seconded the motion to approve (i) UG Certificate in Interdisciplinary Game Design and Development; (ii) UG Certificate in Introduction to Game Studies; (iii) UG Certificate in Public History for Minot State University as presented. Hanson, Black, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

- c. North Dakota State College of Science - Lisa Karch presented.
 - i. A.A.S. in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Ms. Karch stated that over the past couple of years considerable growth has been seen in the aircraft systems area. The UAS draws in land surveying, civil engineering and construction sections including UAS transfer options for students wishing to pursue the UAS 2-year degree. Collaborating discussions have occurred with UND about transferring options and opportunities for students.

Black moved, Hanson seconded the motion to approve A.A.S in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) as presented for NDSCS. Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

Policies:

Amend

- 4. **Policy 406.1 to be renumbered to Policy 406 Academic Calendar** - Vice Chair Johnson presented.

Ms. Johnson explained the move towards intersession that occurs between fall and spring terms, some holidays were not listed that allow for days off it was suggested to align the calendar with North Dakota Century Code for consistency purposes. It was recommended that edits be made stating that campuses could identify courses or programs that would be held over a term break will be included the course syllabus (such as a holiday or finals week). The Academic Calendars will be determined four (4) years in advance. *Policy 406.1 will be renumbered to Policy 406.*

Hanson moved, Black seconded the motion to approve Policy 406 Academic Calendar as presented. Hanson, Black, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

- 5. **Policy 402.1.2 Student Placement into College Courses to be renumbered and renamed to 413 Course Placement** - Vice Chair Johnson presented.

Ms. Johnson stated that the student placement verbiage was moved to the procedure detail. At the Board level it says institutions will require students who intend to enroll in English and Mathematics to submit proof of placement. Admission is not contingent on providing that. Institutions may require additional course placement testing for enrollment in advanced degree-credit courses. *Policy 402.1.2 will be renumbered to Policy 413.*

Black moved, Hanson seconded the motion to approve Policy 413 Course Placement as presented. Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

Reports/Updates/Discussion

6. Legislative Update – Ms. Lisa Johnson and Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons

Ms. Johnson reported:

- HB 1531 would prevent institutions from waiving application fees based on race, gender, ethnicity, or other diverse components. NDUS opposed the bill due to the ability to not waive fees for veterans, or if the institution wanted to promote an outreach event and waive the fee for certain groups. The Board did authorize institutions to waive fees, which typically was only done for a specific period and then they would be waived for everyone, thus they are not awarded to any individual based on race, gender, or component of diversity. Last night, the House affirmed a Do Not Pass.
- SB 2247, referred to as a divisive topics bill, consisting of a list of topics that were not permitted to advance and to incorporate into a curriculum that included cautionary language about not requiring employees to attend training on specified topics. The Senate passed this bill.
- The Tenure Bill is still under review by the committee.
- HB 1003 exited out of House Appropriations Education and Environmental Committee in a favorable position funding capital project, funding scholarships and tuition freeze, and funding salary increases.

Ms. Fitzsimmons reported:

- HB 1200 Regarding colleges and universities requiring vaccines. There is work in progress with the NDUS attorney regarding clarifications of specific verbiage contained in the bill.
- HB 1489 (Higher Ed) Transgender student athletes. This bill will be heard on the floor on February 15, 2023. This bill intertwines with HB 1249, which affects K-12.
- House Concurrent Resolution 3010 passed the House floor. Regarding data of biological sex.
- HB 1404 Regarding carrying a concealed firearm on campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. CT.

Approved March 22, 2023.