

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

April 19, 2023, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 CT, via Teams.

Member Black called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:

Mr. Kevin Black

Ms. Sadie Hanson

Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor

**BSC** – Dan Leingang **DCB** – Carmen Simone, **DSU** – President Easton, John Miller, **LRSC** – President Darling, Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** – President VanHorn, Amber Hill, Brian Huschle, **MiSU** – President Shirley, Laura Geller, **NDSCS** – Lisa Karch, **NDSU** – David Bertolini, Jeff Boyer, **UND** – Jeff Holm, Art Malloy **VCSU** – Larry Brooks, **WSC** – President Hirning, Wanda Meyer, Maren Furuseth, Maryann Kasner.

Others present: **NDUS** – Chancellor Hagerott, Lisa Johnson, Katie Fitzsimmons, Claire Gunwall, Chris Pieske, Darin King, Terry Meyer, **AG Counsel** – Meredith Larson.

1. **Agenda**

Approved by consensus.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to approve the March 22, 2023, meeting minutes.

Hanson and Black voted yes. The motion passed.

3. **Policy 461 Digital Literacy**

Ms. Lisa Johnson reviewed proposed amendments to Policy 461, Digital Literacy, and inquired if it could move forward to the full Board as a first reading only, get additional feedback from all Board members, and continue working through any concerns. She explained that the student association has reviewed, provided input during discussions, and their concerns are currently being worked through. The committee stated that they appreciate the learning outcomes that are being proposed by requiring the additional course, however, the impacts on students, such as credit requirements and the time it takes to graduate remain concerns. Ms. Johnson explained that there will be additional work between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings, and that there are options that are being discussed, such as, requiring only freshman students, not yet enrolled (new student), having the option to out, having the course replace a current course requirement (not adding additional credits needed to graduate), and flexibility in setting the effective date. There were also questions regarding staffing/instructing of a digital literacy course. Ms. Johnson noted that after first reading at the full Board meeting and having received the first round of input, the policy will be recirculated through the council, cabinet, and this committee, with additional amendments that address the questions/concerns. Chancellor Hagerott explained that there is a national movement towards offering digital literacy and studies have indicated that students are supportive, however, faculty are more hesitant due to the complexity of

implementing it. The current faculty already have their specialties developed, the need for specific subject matter instructors, shifts/adjustment/increases in workloads and curriculums. The committee also discussed current legislation, the k12 component, timeline to develop course catalogs, dual credit courses. There was support from the Cabinet to continue advancing the policy through ASAC this month and move it to full Board, with the understanding it will be at their May meeting for further discussions.

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to recommend approval of the first reading of amendments to Policy 461, as presented.

Hanson and Black voted yes. The motion passed.

**4. Tenure Recommendations & Faculty Appointments**

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to recommend approval of the tenure and faculty appointments, as presented.

Hanson and Black voted yes. The motion passed.

**5. NDUS Articulation Agreements**

Ms. Lisa Johnson provided information regarding NDUS Articulation Agreements and Procedure 460.5. The committee discussed the process of informing the Chancellor's office staff and Board members of specific types of agreements by institutions.

**Academic Program Requests (final authorization at SBHE ASAC)**

**5. New Academic Program Requests**

- a. Bismarck State College
  - i. UG Certificate in Additive Manufacturing
  - ii. A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Operations

Black moved, Hanson seconded, to approve BSC's new program requests, as presented.

Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. CT.

Approved May 17, 2023.