

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

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

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. CT.

State Board of Higher Education Members:

- John Warford, SBHE Committee Chair
- Curtis Biller, SBHE Committee Member
- Kevin Black, SBHE Committee Member
- Sadie Hanson, SBHE Student Representative (joined 9:40)
- Lisa Montplaisir, SBHE Faculty Advisor

Colleges and Universities:

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| <b>BSC</b> – President Jensen | <b>DSU</b> – Holly Gruhlke     |
| <b>BSC</b> – Dan Leingang     | <b>DCB</b> – Dean Simone       |
| <b>LRSC</b> – Lloyd Halvorson | <b>MaSU</b> – Brian Huschle    |
| <b>MiSU</b> – Laura Geller    | <b>UND</b> – Jeff Holm         |
| <b>NDSCS</b> – Lisa Karsh     | <b>NDSU</b> – David Bertolini  |
| <b>VCSU</b> – Larry Brooks    | <b>WSC</b> – President Hirning |

North Dakota University System Office:

Chancellor Hagerott  
Ms. Lisa Johnson  
Mr. Mark Gorenflo  
Ms. Claire Gunwall  
Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons

Others Participating:

Ms. Meredith Larson, Assistant Attorney General

Committee Chair Warford called the meeting to order at 9:30.

1. **Agenda**

Black moved, Biller seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Biller, Black, and Warford voted yes. Hanson temporarily unavailable. Motion passed.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Black moved, Biller seconded, to approve the [October 18, 2023](#), meeting minutes, as presented.

Biller, Black, and Warford voted yes. Hanson temporarily unavailable. Motion passed.

**3. State Authorizations:**

- i. [Columbia College](#)
- ii. [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#)
- iii. [Rasmussen University](#)

Vice Chancellor Johnson reviewed the requests for state authorization for Columbia College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Rasmussen University. The committee discussed and raised questions regarding Rasmussen University. Ms. Johnson will investigate further and report to the committee members.

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to recommend approval for state authorization for Columbia College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (items 3i and 3ii), and to postpone consideration of Rasmussen until further information is gathered, item 3iii.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed.

**4. NDSCS New Academic Program Request (ASAC final approval)**

- a. [North Dakota State College of Science](#)
  - i. [A.A.S. in Fire Science](#)

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to approve NDSCS's new program request, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed.

**5. Institutional School/College/Academy/Center/Institute Name Change (ASAC final approval)**

- a. [North Dakota State University](#)
  - i. Center for Quality, Reliability, and Maintainability to Center of Computational Modeling, Simulation, and Analytics

Biller moved, Hanson seconded, to approve NDSU's request to change the name of Center for Quality, Reliability, and Maintainability to Center for Computational Modeling, Simulation, and Analytics as presented.

Hanson, Biller, Black, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed.

**6. SBHE [Policy 420](#) Accreditation**

Vice Chancellor Johnson reviewed SBHE Policy 420.

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to recommend approval for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy 420, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed.

**7. SBHE [Policy 409](#) Degrees Offered**

Vice Chancellor Johnson reviewed proposed edits to SBHE Policy 409. Most of the changes are uncontroversial and are recommended for approval.

BSC [requested](#) the addition of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science to their list of approved degrees to award. This proposal did not achieve consensus at the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) or the Chancellor's

Cabinet. President Jensen presented his [position paper](#) in support of BSC's request. After considerable discussion, the SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members agreed to forward Policy 409 to the full Board for first read discussion, without inclusion of BSC's request. The BSC request will be further discussed and considered at a future ASAC meeting. Further data will be presented, including a matrix of BSC proposed Bachelor degree offerings compared with current Bachelor degree offerings by other NDUS institutions.

Hanson moved, Black seconded, to recommend approval for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy 409, excluding BSC offering Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, and to defer discussion of the BSC request to a later date.

Hanson, Biller, Black, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed.

Committee Chair Warford adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. CT.