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**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
November 15, 2023, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, November 15th at 3:15 p.m. CT, via Teams.

Committee Co-Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Committee members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Co-Chair
Ms. Danita Bye, Co-Chair
Dr. John Warford, Member
Ms. Sadie Hanson, Student Member
Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Hagerott, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
Mr. Chris Pieske, NDUS
Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS
Mr. Mark Gorenflo, NDUS
Mr. Darin King, CTS

Others Participating:

President Shirley, MiSU
Ms. Holly Gruhlke, DSU
President LaFave, VCSU
President Hirning, WSC
President Darling, LRSC
President Cook, Dr. Kristen Fellows, NDSU
President Armacost, Dr. John Mihelich, Dr. Robert Newman, UND
President Van Horn, Mr. Brian Huschle, MaSU

Others Present:

Ms. Meredith Larson, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Delore Zimmerman, Valley Prosperity

1. **Agenda**
And;
2. **[October 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)**

Warford moved, Bye seconded, to approve the agenda and the October 18, 2023, meeting minutes, as presented.

Warford, Bye, Hanson, and Ryan voted yes. Motion passed.

3. Research Initiative Updates/CHIPS

Chancellor Hagerott provided an update on CHIPS/research consortium and on the issues discussed at the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities (APLU) meeting in Seattle, which focused on AI issues facing APLU members.

4. Economic Diversification Research Grant

Vice Chancellor Johnson presented a revised Economic Diversification Research Grant guidelines; the proposed internal and external advisory committee members; and a draft timeline. These changes incorporate the statutory role of the Bank of North Dakota in the administration of this grant. The committee discussed the significance of keeping the legislators that sponsored the grant informed on a regular basis. Chancellor Hagerott and/or Ms. Johnson will update the grant sponsors.

- a) Revised [Guidelines](#)
- b) Revised Internal and External [Committee Membership](#)
- c) [Timeline](#)

Warford moved, Bye seconded, to recommend approval of the proposed guidelines and committee membership, as presented.

No action is needed for the draft timeline; it is an internal working document.

Hanson, Warford, Ryan, and Bye voted yes. Motion passed.

5. Tik Tok

Vice Chancellor King stated that the campuses that requested an exemption withdrew their request. No further action is needed.

6. SBHE [Policy 604.2 Chancellor's Evaluation](#)

Vice Chancellor Rostad provided an overview of Policy 604.2. Dr. Ryan, previous Board Chair recommended the process remain as presently functioning to previously established timelines. Member Warford agreed.

Ryan moved, Warford seconded, to recommend approval of 1st reading of Policy 604.2, as presented.

Hanson, Warford, Ryan, and Bye voted yes. Motion passed.

7. SBHE Post-Tenure Ad Hoc Committee Update

Co-chair Ryan informed the committee members that the post-tenure committee is still in the process of receiving institutional information and will provide an update as the process moves forward.

8. [RGC Annual Calendar](#)

The RGC annual calendar notes standing committee items for discussion and/or action.

Committee Co-Chair Bye adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. CT.