

North Dakota University System Foundation Minutes

November 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. CT.

1. **Call to Order**

President Tim Mihalick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CT.

Members Present:

Mr. Timothy Mihalick
Ms. Julie Traynor
Dr. Steven Shirley
Mr. Jon Backes
Ms. Danita Bye
Mr. Mike Warner
Rep. Cynthia Schreiber-Beck
Chancellor Mark Hagerott (ex officio)

Others present:

Mr. David Krebsbach, North Dakota University System
Ms. Jamie Wilke, North Dakota University System
Ms. Mindy Sturn, North Dakota University System
Mr. Mark Gorenflo, North Dakota University System
Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, North Dakota University System

2. **Agenda for November 17, 2023, meeting and April 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Ms. Traynor and seconded by Ms. Bye to approve the agenda and April 20, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Ms. Schreiber-Beck, Dr. Shirley, Mr. Warner, Mr. Backes, and Mr. Mihalick voted aye. **Motion carried.**

3. **NDUSO and NDUS Foundation Operating Agreement Annual Review** (as required by SBHE Policy 340.2). There were no recommended changes and no committee members presented suggested changes.

It was moved by Mr. Warner and seconded by Ms. Traynor to approve the renewal of the NDUSO and NDUS Foundation Operating Agreement.

Ms. Schreiber-Beck, Dr. Shirley, Mr. Backes, Ms. Bye, and Mr. Mihalick voted aye. **Motion carried.**

4. **Re-appointment of President:** June 27, 2023, SBHE Meeting. Mr. Mihalick noted he was elected Chair of the State Board of Higher Education at its June 27, 2023 meeting. As such, he appointed himself as the NDUS Foundation's president.

5. **Chancellor Update**

Chancellor Hagerott reviewed the following initiatives and expressed the need for continued support:

- a) Agriculture
- b) Cybersecurity, Digital Sciences, and Artificial Intelligence
- c) Dakota Digital Academy
- d) Education Opportunities for Students in North Dakota
- e) Faculty Support
- f) Manufacturing Industry
- g) Nursing Industry
- h) Oil Workforce
- i) Robotics and Unmanned Air Systems (UAS)

Chancellor Hagerott discussed the advancements of Artificial Intelligence and suggested moving it to a separate category. Ms. Bye agreed.

Given such advancements, Ms. Bye outlined the importance of manufacturing robotics. She also commended the most recent Dakota Digital Review and the Dakota Digital Discussions produced by Dakota Digital Academy and how the concepts and ideas these channels transmit can inform national trends. She also suggested engaging the North Dakota Petroleum Council to understand the impact of Chevron's acquisition of Hess' oil assets in North Dakota.

Ms. Traynor updated the LRSC and BSC Nursing Apprenticeship programs' successes, including the opportunity to work within medical facilities and, in some cases, receive assistance for books, tuition, and/or paid time. Further, students may increase their skills each semester under a preceptor at that medical facility in preparation for their entry into the nursing workforce.

Mr. Warner expressed North Dakota's opportunity to become a model for the country in developing high quality rural medical care, and the use of Artificial Intelligence in diversifying North Dakota's economy.

- 6. **Candidates for 2024 Open Positions:** Terms Ending: Mr. Backes, Dr. Shirley, Mr. Warner. Mr. Mihalick encouraged these members to continue in these roles.

7. **NDUS Foundation Financial Reports**

Ms. Sturn presented the financial report as of October 31, 2023.

Balance in accounts =	\$33,767.02
Without Donor Restriction:	\$18,670.22
With Donor Restriction:	\$15,096.80
Microsoft-ND Career Builders:	\$15,000
Giving Hearts:	\$96.80

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am CT.