

NDUS Funding Formula Study Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2024
2:00-3:00 p.m. CT
Action Item

The State Board of Higher Education Funding Formula Study Ad Hoc Committee met via Teams on January 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. CT.

SBHE Funding Formula Study Ad Hoc Committee members

- Mr. Kevin Black, Co-Chair
- Mr. Tim Mihalick, Co-Chair

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC President Doug Jensen, Ms. Rebecca Collins, **DCB** Dean Carmen Simone, Ms. Lisa Mock, **DSU** President Stephen Easton, Mr. Leslie Wietstock, **LRSC** President Doug Darling, **MaSU** President Brian Van Horn, Ms. Amber Hill, **MiSU** President Steven Shirley, Ms. Krista Lambrecht, **NDSCS** President Rod Flanigan, Mr. Keith Johnson, **NDSU** President David Cook, Mr. Bruce Bollinger, Ms. Karin Hegstad, Ms. Cynthia Rott, **UND** Ms. Karla Mongeon-Stewart, **VCSU** President Alan LaFave, Ms. Erica Buchholz, **WSC** Mr. Tyler Hess

System Office/CTS/Guests

VC. David Krebsbach, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Caitlin Magilke, Senator Donald Schaible, Ms. Kayla Kleven

Call to Order

Co-Chair Black called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. CT.

Approval of Agenda

- a. Mr. Leslie Wietstock moved, Ms. Karla Stewart seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.
Black and Mihalick voted yes. Motion passed 2-0.

New Business

- a. [Funding Formula Study Group](#)
- b. [2013 Senate Education Testimony](#)
 - i. Introductions and Welcome
 - 1. Members and institution representatives completed introductions.
 - ii. Defining Scope & Process
 - 1. Co-chair Black discussed the scope and process of the ad hoc committee.
 - A. Focus areas will include the inputs and functions of the funding formula. The alignment with State and SBHE priorities. Dual credit funding mechanisms. Tier Funding Enhancements.

- i. Ms. Rebecca Collins shared that it was in 2019 and 2020 that institutions worked with the North Dakota Legislatures Interim Higher Ed Committee. In the 2021 Legislative Session is when changes were made to the funding formula.
 - ii. DSU requested clarification regarding the relationship between high school funding and college funding in relation to dual credit. Senator Schaible stated that when Legislatures look at dual credit there are different factors that are weighed such as who is teaching the course, is the course at the college or high school level and who's paying for the credits – the school, parents, or a combination of both. Senator Schaible stated that the Interim Higher Ed Committee is chaired by Representative Sanford, and they have both been looking at these factors among others to ensure offerings are equitable to each student.
 - B. Co-chair Black discussed the intended process of the committee. Black shared that this first meeting will be to gain more historical context and understanding of the formula and subsequent meetings will include input from campuses, ensuring that the formula aligns with the SBHE objectives, and tackling dual credit or tier funding topics. Finally, the committee will gather all of the information and formulate it into a composite of recommendations that can be vetted through the SBHE standing committees starting with the Budget and Finance committee, the full Board, and then to the Legislative Assembly and Governor for consideration.
 - C. Co-chair Black suggested a bi-weekly cadence of meetings for this committee. All committee members agree that bi-weekly meetings work for their institutions.
 - D. Committee members provided feedback in which CFOs from all institutions should have an opportunity to participate in the meetings. Co-chair Black stated that the committee welcomes and would like to hear feedback from all institutions. Recommendations were made to invite other individuals who have history with the funding formula. Ms. Karla Mongeon-Stewart recommends inviting Tammy Dolan and Renea Bloms as future guests.
 - iii. Briefing on History of Funding Formula – Ms. Kayla Kleven
 1. Kleven, previous Senior Policy Advisory for former Governor Dalrymple, provided a brief history of the funding formula working group that was formed in 2011.
 - A. In 2011 Governor Dalrymple met with all CFOs and suggested that 4 institutions sit on the working group – UND, NDSU, MiSU, and NDSCS.
 - B. The working group met weekly from October 2011 to December 2012 to develop a system of weights and factors identified in SB 2200.
 - C. There was a push for performance-based funding in K12 and higher ed. The only basis for funding in higher ed was institutions would receive what they did the previous year with a percentage increase. There were no explanations as to why certain institutions received increases and some did not, and the goal was to seek to find a way to put reasoning around why each institution was going to get what they received and the components of the formula.

