

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on March 13th at 9:30 a.m. CDT., via Teams.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. John Warford, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Sadie Hanson | |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC President Jensen, Dan Leingang, Becky Collins, John Carroll, **DCB** Dean Simone, Corey Gorder, **DSU** President Easton, Holly Gruhke, **LRSC** Lloyd Halvorson **MaSU** President Van Horn, Brian Huschle, Corday Goddard, **MiSU** President Shirley, Laurie Geller, **NDSCS** Lisa Karch **NDSU** President Cook, David Bertolini, **UND** Janelle Kilgore, Art Malloy, Eric Link, **VCSU** Larry Brooks, **WSC** President Hirning, Erin Klingenberg.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, Lisa Johnson, Chris Pieske, David Krebsbach, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Assistant Attorney General Ms. Meredith Lars.

1. **Call to Order**

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

a. Agenda

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

Billier, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

b. Meeting Minutes

Black moved, Billier seconded, to approve the February 14, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

Billier, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

2. **Committee Business**

a. BSC Request

- i. [BSC Bachelor's Degree Request](#)
- ii. [BSC Analysis of BS Degree Duplication](#)
- iii. [BSC Bachelor's Degree Request with Additional Analysis](#)
- iv. [BSC Response Summary](#)

President Jenson provided a [PowerPoint presentation on the background and context](#) of BSC's request to expand its degree offerings to Bachelor of Science degrees. He explained his strategic master plan as it relates to enrollment, including but not limited to the following:

- Addressing workforce needs.
- Programming for a new Polytechnic facility.
- Creating new degrees in short-term stackable credentials.
- Red tape reduction.
- Implementation of a unit cost model.

The committee members discussed various components that need to be considered if BSC and/or any other NDUS institution requests approval for academic programs that are outside the authority of SBHE [Policy 409](#) (Degrees Offered) and [Policy 420](#) (Accreditation), or any other policy that regulates institutional programs. After a thorough discussion, Chancellor Hagerott offered to move the discussion to the ENVISION 2035 process. He explained that expanded scope academic programming requests should be a system-wide discussion, rather than an individual request, as other NDUS institutions may have similar requests. The committee agreed, no further action took place.

b. New Academic Program Requests

i. [Lake Region State College](#)

1. [UG Certificate in Agriculture Production Management](#)
2. [UG Certificate in Precision Agriculture](#)

Biller moved, Hanson seconded, to approve LRSC's new program requests, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ii. [North Dakota State College of Science](#)

1. [UG Certificate in Carpentry](#)

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

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

iii. [University of North Dakota](#)

1. [GR Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner](#)
2. [M.S. in Psychology](#)

Hanson moved, Biller seconded, to approve UND's new program requests, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

c. Academic Program Termination

i. [Minot State University](#)

1. [GR Certificate in Cybersecurity](#)

Hanson moved, Biller seconded, to approve MiSU's program termination request, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

- ii. [University of North Dakota](#)
 - 1. [UG Certificate in Diverse Perspectives for Professionals](#)
 - 2. [GR Certificate in Counseling with a K-12 Emphasis](#)

Hanson moved, Biller seconded, to approve UND's program termination requests, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

3. **Reports/Updates/Discussions**

a. [ASAC Work Groups](#)

Vice Chancellor Johnson provided an overview of the ASAC working groups.

4. **Adjourn**

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

Approved April 17, 2024.